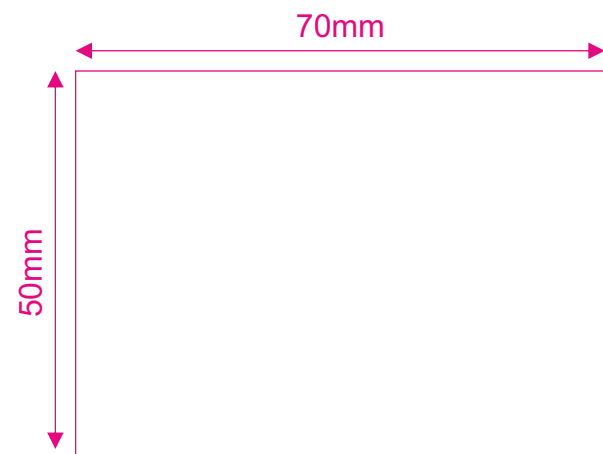


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In vitro, preclinical and clinical studies have demonstrated similarity between **CANHERA** and the reference trastuzumab product. Hence this document contains information on the reference trastuzumab product. In this document, when data on the reference (originator) trastuzumab product is being referred to, the term “trastuzumab (reference product)” is used. The term “trastuzumab” is used to describe properties generally applicable to the trastuzumab molecule that are described based on observations with the reference product. Where information or instructions specific to **CANHERA** is presented, the term “**CANHERA**” is used.

Rx
NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT
CANHERA*
GENERIC NAME
Trastuzumab lyophilized powder for injection (t-DNA origin)

COMPOSITION
150 mg single-dose, 150 mg multi-dose and 440 mg multi-dose vials containing powder for concentrate for solution for intravenous infusion. Reconstituted **CANHERA** concentrate contains approximately 21 mg/mL of trastuzumab, a humanised IgG1 monoclonal antibody expressed in Chinese hamster ovary cell suspension culture, and purified by affinity and ion-exchange chromatography including specific viral inactivation and removal procedures.

List of Excipients:
L-Histidine, L-Histidine hydrochloride, Polyethylene Glycol 3350 (Macrogol 3350), D-Sorbitol, sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid (pH adjustment)

DOSSAGE FORM
Powder for concentrate for solution for infusion.
CANHERA is a sterile, off-white to pale yellow, preservative-free lyophilized powder.

Bacteriostatic water for injection (BWW), is a sterile non pyrogenic preparation of water for injection. It is colourless transparent solution free from visible particles and is intended to use for the reconstitution of **CANHERA** drug product

WARNING: CARDIAC DYSFUNCTION, INFUSION REACTIONS, PULMONARY TOXICITY AND EMBRYO-FETAL TOXICITY
For complete details refer to the section **Warnings and Precautions**

Cardiac Dysfunction
Sub-clinical and clinical cardiac failure may result from treatment with trastuzumab. It may manifest as congestive heart failure and decreased left ventricular ejection fraction. The incidence of such events increases when administered along with chemotherapy regimens containing anthracyclines.
Before and during treatment with trastuzumab, left ventricular function must be evaluated in all patients [refer to the sections **Warnings and Precautions** and **Dose and Method of Administration** in the full package insert].
Infusion Reactions: Pulmonary Toxicity
Trastuzumab needs to be discontinued for anaphylaxis, angioedema, interstitial pneumonitis, or acute respiratory distress syndrome [refer to the sections **Warnings and Precautions** in the full package insert].
Embryo-Fetal Toxicity
Trastuzumab exposure during pregnancy can result in oligohydramnios and can be complicated by pulmonary hypoplasia and neonatal death [refer to the section **Warnings and Precautions** in the full package insert].

PHARMACODYNAMIC AND PHARMACOKINETIC PROPERTIES
Pharmacodynamic Properties
Pharmacotherapeutic group: Antineoplastic agents, monoclonal antibodies
ATC code: L01XC03

Mechanism of Action
Trastuzumab is a humanised monoclonal IgG1 antibody produced by recombinant DNA technology, and contains complementarity determining regions of a mouse antibody (anti-185) specific for the extracellular domain of the human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 protein (HER2), along with human framework sequences.

The HER2 receptor becomes constitutive indelible in tumour cells. This is a result of increased cell surface expression/overexpression of HER2 protein caused by HER2 gene amplification. Overexpression is seen in 15 to 20% of primary breast cancers. The overall rate of HER2 positivity in advanced gastric cancers as observed during screening for study B018255 is 15% for Hc3+and Hc2+H5H+ or 22.1% when applying the broader definition of Hc3+ or H5H+.

Studies showed that amplification or overexpression of HER2 correlates with shorter disease-free survival compared to patients whose tumors do not have amplification or overexpression of HER2.

Trastuzumab binds to sub-domain IV, a juxta-membrane region of HER2 extracellular domain, with high affinity and specificity. This binding inhibits ligand-independent HER2 signalling and prevents the proteolytic cleavage of its extracellular domain, an activation mechanism of HER2.

In *in-vitro* assays and in animals, trastuzumab is reported to have inhibited proliferation of human tumour cells overexpressing HER2. Trastuzumab also preferentially mediates antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC) on tumour cells overexpressing HER2.

Pharmacokinetic Properties
Two phase 1 studies 1) Single-center, single-dose, 2-period, randomized, double-blind, cross-over study and 2) Single-center, randomized, double-blind, three-arm, parallel-group study were conducted in normal healthy volunteers. Both studies showed that pharmacokinetic profile of **CANHERA** was similar to that of trastuzumab (reference product). In addition, a multicenter, double-blind, randomized, parallel-group, phase II study showed that pharmacokinetic, efficacy, safety and immunogenicity profiles of **CANHERA** was similar to trastuzumab (reference product) in patients with HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer (MBC).

Trastuzumab IV
The pharmacokinetics of Trastuzumab were evaluated in a population pharmacokinetic model analysis using pooled data from 1,582 subjects from 18 Phase I, I and III trials receiving Trastuzumab IV. A two-compartment model with parallel linear and non-linear elimination from the central compartment described the trastuzumab concentration-time profile. Due to the non-linear elimination, total clearance increased with decreasing concentrations. Linear clearance was 0.127 L/day for breast cancer (MBC/EBC) and 0.176 L/day for AGC. The nonlinear elimination parameters were 8.81 mg/day for the maximum elimination rate (Vmax) and 8.92 mg/L for the Michaelis-Menten constant (Km). The central compartment volume was 2.62 L for patients with breast cancer and 3.63 L for patients with AGC. The population predicted PKC exposures (with 5th - 95th Percentiles) and PK parameter values at clinically relevant concentrations (Cmax and Cmin) for breast cancer and AGC patients treated with the approved i.v and q3w dosing regimens are shown in Table 1 (Cycle 1) and Table 2 (steady-state) below.

Table 1: Population Predicted Cycle 1 PK Exposure Values (with 5th - 95th Percentiles) for IV Regimens in Breast Cancer and AGC Patients

Regimen	Primary cycle	N	Cmin (ng/mL)	Cmax (ng/mL)	AUC (ng.h/mL)
Single-dose 150mg IV	MBC/EBC	1139	20.4 (5.8 - 65.1)	118 (117 - 122)	1772 (739 - 2425)
	AGC	274	21.1 (6.1 - 65.1)	132 (84.2 - 192)	1109 (588 - 1936)
Multi-dose 440mg q3w	MBC/EBC	1139	31.7 (7.9 - 70.9)	88.3 (62.2 - 120)	1068 (588 - 1754)

Table 2: Population Predicted Steady State PK Exposure Values (with 5th - 95th Percentiles) for Trastuzumab IV Dosing Regimens in Breast Cancer and AGC Patients

Regimen	Primary cycle	N	Cmin (ng/mL)	Cmax (ng/mL)	AUC (ng.h/mL)	Time to Steady State (days)	Total CL (L/day)
Single-dose 150mg IV	MBC/EBC	1139	20.4 (5.8 - 65.1)	118 (117 - 122)	1772 (739 - 2425)	12	0.172-0.207
	AGC	274	21.1 (6.1 - 65.1)	132 (84.2 - 192)	1109 (588 - 1936)	12	0.149-0.197
Multi-dose 440mg q3w	MBC/EBC	1139	31.7 (7.9 - 70.9)	88.3 (62.2 - 120)	1068 (588 - 1754)	12	0.201-0.244

Pharmacokinetics in Special Populations
Detailed pharmacokinetic studies in the geriatric population and those with renal or hepatic impairment have not been carried out.
Renal Impairment
Detailed pharmacokinetic studies in patients with renal impairment have not been carried out. In a population pharmacokinetic analysis, renal impairment was shown not to affect trastuzumab disposition.

CLINICAL EFFICACY
The clinical efficacy of **CANHERA** plus docetaxel/paclitaxel was assessed in a multicenter, double-blind, randomized, parallel-group, phase III study in MBC patients. There were no relevant differences between **CANHERA** and trastuzumab (reference product) with regard to overall response rate, progression-free survival and overall survival at 48 weeks.

PRECLINICAL SAFETY DATA
Nonclinical studies (conventional toxicity studies) on **CANHERA** did not indicate any special hazard for humans. During conventional single- and repeat-dose toxicity studies of **CANHERA** in mice and rabbits, no clinically relevant

adverse events were observed at the highest dose levels tested. Local tolerance was also evaluated in these toxicity studies, and no clinically relevant effects were observed. Two comparative nonclinical studies undertaken in cynomolgus monkeys showed that the pharmacokinetic and toxicokinetic profile of **CANHERA** was similar to that of trastuzumab (reference product).

TERAPEUTIC INDICATIONS
Metastatic Breast Cancer
CANHERA is indicated for the treatment of MBC patients who have human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-overexpressing tumors:
• as monotherapy for the treatment of those patients who have received one or more chemotherapy regimens for their metastatic disease
• following adjuvant chemotherapy with doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide, in combination with paclitaxel or docetaxel
• in combination with an aromatase inhibitor for the treatment of postmenopausal patients with hormone-receptor positive metastatic breast cancer, not previously treated with trastuzumab. This indication is based on data from one Phase III trial which studied the use of trastuzumab in combination with anastrozole (Clinical Efficacy). Experience with other aromatase inhibitors is limited.

Early Breast Cancer (EBC)
CANHERA is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with HER2 positive EBC:
• following surgery, chemotherapy (neoadjuvant or adjuvant) and radiotherapy (if applicable) (see section pharmacodynamic properties)
• following adjuvant chemotherapy with doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide, in combination with paclitaxel or docetaxel
• in combination with adjuvant chemotherapy consisting of docetaxel and carboplatin.
• in combination with neoadjuvant chemotherapy followed by adjuvant trastuzumab therapy, for locally advanced (including inflammatory) disease or tumours > 2 cm in diameter (see sections warning and precautions and pharmacodynamic properties).

CANHERA should only be used in MBC or EBC patients who have tumours with either overexpression of HER2 or HER2 gene amplification as determined by an accurate and validated assay.

Metastatic Gastric Cancer (MGC)
CANHERA is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with 5-fluorouracil and cisplatin is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with HER2 positive metastatic adenocarcinoma of the stomach or gastroesophageal junction who have not received prior anti-cancer treatment for their metastatic disease.

CANHERA should be used in only those MGC patients whose tumours overexpress HER2, as determined by an accurate and validated assay.
CANHERA use. The results of a small sub-study suggested that the exposure to the biactive metabolites (i.e., 5-Fluorouracil) of capecitabine was not affected by concurrent use of cisplatin or by concurrent use of capecitabine plus trastuzumab (reference product). However, capecitabine itself showed slightly increased interest in patients with HER2-positive metastatic disease or extensive tumour involvement of the lungs, resulting in dyspnoea at rest. Therefore, caution should be taken when administering trastuzumab in combination with capecitabine and cisplatin. Trastuzumab can increase the overall exposure of 7-deoxy-13 dihydro-doxorubicin (7DD), a doxorubicin metabolite. The bioactivity of 7DD and the clinical impact of the increase of this metabolite is not clear. Therefore, caution should be taken when administering trastuzumab in combination with doxorubicin and cisplatin. Trastuzumab can increase the overall exposure of 7-deoxy-13 dihydro-doxorubicin (7DD), a doxorubicin metabolite. The bioactivity of 7DD and the clinical impact of the increase of this metabolite is not clear.

DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION
General
HER2 testing is mandatory prior to initiation of **CANHERA** therapy.
Substitution by any other biological medicinal product requires the consent of the prescribing physician.
CANHERA is a biosimilar and the safety and efficacy of alternating or switching between products that are biosimilar but with different manufacturers has not been established. Therefore, the benefit/risk of alternating or switching need to be carefully considered.

CANHERA should be administered by a qualified health care professional.
In order to prevent medication errors, it is important to check the vial labels to ensure that the drug being prepared and administered is **CANHERA** (Trastuzumab) and not trastuzumab emtansine.

CANHERA is (see **Pharmaceutical Particulars**).
CANHERA must not be used for subcutaneous administration and should be administered as intravenous infusion.

Do not administer as an intravenous push or bolus.

Metastatic Breast Cancer
Weekly schedule
Loading dose: The recommended initial loading dose is 4 mg/kg body weight **CANHERA** administered as a 90-minute intravenous infusion. Patients should be observed for fever and chills or other infusion-associated symptoms (see **Undesirable effects**). Interruption of the infusion may help control such symptoms. The infusion may be resumed when symptoms abate.
Subsequent doses: The recommended weekly dose of **CANHERA** is 2 mg/kg body weight. If the prior dose was well tolerated, the dose can be administered as a 30-minute infusion. Patients should be observed for fever and chills or other infusion-associated symptoms (see **Undesirable effects**).

Administration in combination with an aromatase inhibitor
In the pivotal trial trastuzumab IV and anastrozole were administered from day 1. There were no restrictions on the relative timing of trastuzumab IV and anastrozole at administration (for dose, see the Product information for anastrozole or other aromatase inhibitors).

Early Breast Cancer
3-weekly schedule
Alternatively, the following loading and subsequent doses are recommended for monotherapy and in combination with paclitaxel or an aromatase inhibitor.
Initial **CANHERA** loading dose of 8 mg/kg body weight, followed by 6 mg/kg body weight 3 weeks later and then 6 mg/kg repeated at 3-weekly intervals administered as infusions over approximately 90 minutes. If the initial loading dose was well tolerated, the subsequent doses can be administered as a 30-minute infusion.
Early Breast Cancer
3-weekly schedule
As a three-weekly regimen the recommended initial loading dose of **CANHERA** is 8 mg/kg body weight. The recommended maintenance dose of **CANHERA** at three-weekly intervals is 6 mg/kg body weight, beginning three weeks after the loading dose.
Alternative weekly schedule:
As a weekly regimen (initial loading dose of 4 mg/kg followed by 2 mg/kg every week) concomitantly with paclitaxel followed by docetaxel in combination with doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide.

Metastatic Gastric Cancer
3-weekly schedule
CANHERA is administered at an initial loading dose of 8 mg/kg body weight, followed by 6 mg/kg body weight 3 weeks later and then 6 mg/kg repeated at 3-weekly intervals administered as infusions over approximately 90 minutes. If the initial loading dose is well tolerated, the subsequent doses can be administered as a 30-minute infusion (See pharmacodynamic properties for chemotherapy combination dosing).

Duration of treatment
In clinical studies, patients with metastatic breast cancer or metastatic gastric cancer were treated with trastuzumab until progression of disease or unmanageable toxicity. Patients with metastatic breast cancer should be treated for 1 year or until disease recurrence or unmanageable toxicity, whichever occurs first. Extending treatment in EBC beyond one year is not recommended (see Clinical Efficacy).
Use incompatibilities for instructions for use and handling.

Dose modification
If the patient develops an infusion-related reaction (IRR), the infusion rate of **CANHERA** may be slowed or interrupted (see **Warnings and Precautions**).

No reductions in the dose of **CANHERA** were made during clinical trials. Patients may continue **CANHERA** therapy during periods of reversible, chemotherapy-induced myelosuppression, but they should be monitored carefully for complications of neutropenia during this time. The specific instructions to reduce or hold the dose of chemotherapy should be followed.

Missed doses
If the patient has missed a dose of **CANHERA** by one week or less, then the usual maintenance dose (weekly regimen: 2 mg/kg; three-weekly regimen: 6 mg/kg) should be administered as soon as possible. Do not wait until the next planned cycle. Subsequent **CANHERA** maintenance doses be administered 7 days or 21 days later according to the weekly or three-weekly schedules, respectively.

If the patient has missed a dose of **CANHERA** by more than one week, a re-loading dose of **CANHERA** should be administered over approximately 90 minutes (weekly regimen: 4 mg/kg; 3-weekly regimen: 8 mg/kg) as soon as possible. Subsequent **CANHERA** maintenance doses (weekly regimen: 2 mg/kg; three-weekly regimen 6 mg/kg respectively) should be administered 7 days or 21 days later according to the weekly or three-weekly schedules respectively.

Special Dosage Instructions
Geriatric use
Data suggest that the disposition of **CANHERA** is not altered based on age or serum creatinine (see **Pharmacokinetics** in special populations). In clinical trials, patients ≥ 65 years of age did not receive reduced doses of **CANHERA**. Detailed pharmacokinetic studies in the elderly and those with renal or hepatic impairment have not been carried out. However, in a population pharmacokinetic analysis, age and renal impairment were not shown to affect **CANHERA** disposition.

Paediatric use
The safety and efficacy of **CANHERA** in paediatric patients < 18 years of age have not been established.

CONTRAINDICATIONS
• Hypersensitivity to trastuzumab, murine proteins or to any other component of **CANHERA***
• Severe dyspnoea at rest due to complications of advanced malignancy
• Requiring supplementary oxygen therapy.
See section **Composition** for a list of components of **CANHERA**.*

Data in the following section (**Warnings and Precautions**) has been taken from publicly available data on trastuzumab (reference product).

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
In order to improve traceability of biological medicinal products, the trade name and the batch number of the administered product should be clearly recorded (or stated) in the patient file.

Currently no data from clinical trials are available on trastuzumab re-treatment of patients with previous exposure to trastuzumab in the adjuvant setting.

Initiate trastuzumab therapy under the supervision of a physician experienced in cancer treatment.

Exacerbation of chemotherapy-induced neutropenia
Incidences of neutropenia, including febrile neutropenia, were reported in clinical trials in patients receiving trastuzumab (reference product) in combination with myelosuppressive chemotherapy as compared to those who received chemotherapy alone. The incidence of septic death was similar among patients who received trastuzumab (reference product) and those who did not. The risk of neutropenia may be slightly increased when trastuzumab is administered with docetaxel following anthracycline therapy.

Infusion-related reactions
Serious infusion-related reactions to trastuzumab (reference product) infusion have been reported, and include dyspnoea, hypotension, wheezing, bronchospasm, tachycardia, reduced oxygen saturation, hypertension, supraventricular tachyarrhythmia, anaphylaxis, urticaria, angioedema and respiratory distress. Patients may be at increased risk of a fatal infusion reaction if they are experiencing dyspnoea at rest, arising from complications of advanced malignancy or comorbidities. Therefore, these patients should not be treated with trastuzumab. Should infusion reactions occur, discontinue trastuzumab infusion or slow the rate of infusion, and observe the patient until the symptoms resolve. Rarely, such reactions culminate in death. Most patients experienced resolution of symptoms and were given further infusions of trastuzumab (reference product). Supportive therapy, such as oxygen, epinephrine, antihistamine, bronchodilators, beta-agonists and corticosteroids, has been successfully used to treat serious reactions (see **Undesirable effects**).

There have also been reports of initial improvement followed by delayed reactions with rapid clinical deterioration. **CANHERA** up to one week following infusion, deaths have occurred. Very rarely, the onset of infusion symptoms and pulmonary symptoms have occurred more than 6 hours after the start of the infusion. Warn patients of the possibility of such a late onset and instruct them to contact the physician if these symptoms occur. Prior to resumption of trastuzumab infusion, the majority of patients who experienced a severe infusion reaction were pre-medicated with antihistamines and/or corticosteroids. While some patients tolerated trastuzumab (reference product) infusions, others had recurrent severe infusion reactions despite pre-medication.

Pulmonary toxicity
Severe pulmonary events have been reported with trastuzumab (reference product), occasionally resulting in death. Signs and symptoms of pulmonary toxicity include cough, dyspnoea, wheezing, tachycardia, hypoxia, hypotension, pneumonitis, pleural effusion, respiratory distress, acute pulmonary oedema and respiratory insufficiency have been reported. These events may occur as part of an infusion-related reaction or with a delayed onset. Risk factors associated with interstitial lung disease or pulmonary toxicity include concurrent therapy with other antineoplastic therapies such as taxanes, gemtacinib, vinorelbine and radiation therapy. Patients may be at greater risk of severe reactions if they have symptomatic intrinsic lung disease or extensive tumour involvement of the lungs, resulting in dyspnoea at rest. Therefore, caution should be taken when administering trastuzumab in combination with capecitabine and cisplatin. Trastuzumab can increase the overall exposure of 7-deoxy-13 dihydro-doxorubicin (7DD), a doxorubicin metabolite. The bioactivity of 7DD and the clinical impact of the increase of this metabolite is not clear. Therefore, caution should be taken when administering trastuzumab in combination with doxorubicin and cisplatin. Trastuzumab can increase the overall exposure of 7-deoxy-13 dihydro-doxorubicin (7DD), a doxorubicin metabolite. The bioactivity of 7DD and the clinical impact of the increase of this metabolite is not clear.

Cardiac dysfunction
Trastuzumab therapy increases the risk of CHF (New York Heart Association [NYHA] class II - IV) or asymptomatic cardiac dysfunction. These events have been observed in patients receiving Trastuzumab in clinical trials. Undesirable effects reported with intravenous trastuzumab monotherapy or in combination with chemotherapy in pivotal clinical trials and in post-marketing.

As trastuzumab is commonly used with other chemotherapeutic agents and radiotherapy it is often difficult to ascertain the causal relationship of an adverse event to a particular drug/radiotherapy.
Amongst the most serious and/or common adverse reactions reported in trastuzumab usage (intravenous and subcutaneous formulations) to date are cardiac dysfunction, administration-related reactions, haematotoxicity (in particular neutropenia), infections and pulmonary adverse reactions.
The safety profile of trastuzumab subcutaneous formulation (evaluated in 298 and 297 patients treated with the intravenous and subcutaneous formulations respectively) from the pivotal trial in EBC was overall similar to the known safety profile of the intravenous formulation.

Severe adverse events (defined according to National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (NCI CTCAE grade ≥3) version 3.0) were equally distributed between both Trastuzumab formulations (52.3 % versus 53.5 % in the intravenous formulation versus subcutaneous formulation respectively).

Some adverse events / reactions were reported with a higher frequency for the subcutaneous formulation:

- Serious adverse events (most of which were identified because of in-patient hospitalisation or prolongation of existing hospitalisation): 14.1 % for the intravenous formulation versus 21.5 % for the subcutaneous formulation. The difference in SAE rates between formulations was mainly due to infections with or without neutropenia (4.4 % versus 8.1 %) and cardiac disorders (0.7 % versus 1.7 %).
- Hypoxia
- Oxygen saturation decreased
- Laryngeal oedema
- Orthopnea
- Pulmonary oedema
- Diarrhoea
- Vomiting
- Nausea
- Lung swelling
- Abdominal pain
- Dyspepsia
- Haemorrhoids
- Constipation
- Stomatitis
- Dry mouth
- Hepatocellular injury
- Hepatitis
- Liver tenderness
- Jaundice
- Hepatic Failure
- Erythema
- Rash
- Swelling face
- Nail disorder
- Acne
- Alopecia
- Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome
- Dry skin
- Echymosis
- Hypothyroidism
- Maculopapular rash
- Pruritus
- Onychoclasis
- Dermatitis
- Urticaria
- White blood cell count decreased/leukopenia
- Neutropenia
- Hypoprothrombinaemia
- Immune thrombocytopenia
- Malignant neoplasm progression
- Neoplasm progression
- Hypersensitivity
- Anaphylactic reaction
- Anaphylactic shock
- Weight increased/Weight loss
- Weight decreased
- Decreased appetite
- Anorexia
- Hyperkalaemia
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Insomnia
- Thinking abnormal

Tabulated list of adverse reactions with the intravenous formulation
The corresponding frequency category for each adverse drug reaction is based on the following convention: very common (≥1/10), common (≥1/100 to <1/10), uncommon (≥1/1,000 to <1/100), very rare (<1/10,000), not known (cannot be estimated from the available data). Within each frequency grouping, adverse reactions should be presented in order of decreasing seriousness.

Table 3 Summary of adverse drug reactions occurring in patients treated with Trastuzumab in clinical trials
Undesirable effects reported with intravenous trastuzumab monotherapy or in combination with chemotherapy in pivotal clinical trials and in post-marketing.

System organ class	Adverse reaction	Frequency
Infections and infestations	Nasopharyngitis	Very common
	Infection	Very common
	Influenza	Common
	Neutropenic sepsis	Common
	Pharyngitis	Common
	Sinusitis	Common
	Rhinitis	Common
	Upper respiratory tract infection	Common
	Urinary tract infection	Common
	*Pneumonia	Common (<1 %)
	Cystitis	Common
	Herpes zoster	Common
	Skin infection	Common
	Erysipelas	Common
	Cellulitis	Common
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	Sepsis	Uncommon
	Anaemia	Very common
	Thrombocytopenia	Very common
	Fibrile neutropenia	Very common
	White blood cell count decreased/leukopenia	Very common
	Neutropenia	Very common
	Hypoprothrombinaemia	Not known
	Immune thrombocytopenia	Not known
	Malignant neoplasm progression	Not known
	Neoplasm progression	Not known
	Hypersensitivity	Common
	*Anaphylactic reaction	Not known
	*Anaphylactic shock	Rare
	Weight increased/Weight loss	Very common
	Weight decreased	Very common
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Decreased appetite	Very common
	Anorexia	Very common
	Hyperkalaemia	Not known
	Anxiety	Common
	Depression	Common
	Insomnia	Very common
	Thinking abnormal	Common
Psychiatric disorders	Anxiety	Common
	Depression	Common
	Insomnia	Very common
	Thinking abnormal	Common

effect reproductive capacity. Animal reproduction studies done with trastuzumab (reference product) revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the foetus.

Avoid administering trastuzumab to pregnant women, unless the potential benefit for the mother outweighs the potential risk to the foetus. Oligohydramnios, and cases of impaired fetal renal growth and/or function in association with oligohydramnios (some associated with fatal pulmonary hypoplasia of the foetus), skeletal abnormalities and neonatal death have been reported in pregnant women receiving trastuzumab (reference product).

Advise women of childbearing potential to use effective contraception during treatment with trastuzumab, and for at least 7 months thereafter. Women who become pregnant should be informed that harm to the foetus is possible. If a pregnant woman is treated with trastuzumab close monitoring by a multidisciplinary team is desirable. Monitor women exposed to trastuzumab during pregnancy for oligohydramnios.

At doses up to 25 times the weekly human maintenance dose of 2 mg/kg, no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the foetus was seen in cynomolgus monkey reproductive studies with trastuzumab (reference product).

Embryonic death was seen in mutant mice lacking HER2 receptor. In cynomolgus monkeys, placental transfer of trastuzumab (reference product) during the early (days 20-50 of gestation) and late (days 120-150 of gestation) foetal development was observed.

Lactation
Breast-feeding should be avoided during trastuzumab therapy. Human IgG is secreted into human milk; and the potential for harm to the infant is unknown. There is no information on whether trastuzumab is secreted in human milk. Women should not breast-feed during trastuzumab therapy and for 7 months after the last dose.

In cynomolgus monkeys, trastuzumab (reference product) was found to be secreted in milk at least up to 25 times that of the weekly human maintenance dose of 2 mg/kg. However, no adverse effects on their growth or development from birth to 1 month were observed with the presence of trastuzumab (reference product) in the serum of infant monkeys.

Effects on Ability to Drive and Use Machines
Trastuzumab has a minor influence on the ability to drive and use machines. Dizziness and somnolence may occur during treatment with trastuzumab. Patients experiencing administration-related symptoms should be advised not to drive or use machines until symptoms resolve completely.

DRUG INTERACTIONS
Formal drug interaction studies with trastuzumab (reference product) have not been performed in humans. In clinical trials of trastuzumab (reference product), no clinically significant interactions with the concomitant medications used were observed (see **Pharmacokinetic Properties**). The results of a small sub-study suggested that the exposure to the bioactive metabolites (i.e., 5-Fluorouracil) of capecitabine was not affected by concurrent use of cisplatin or by concurrent use of capecitabine plus trastuzumab (reference product). However, capecitabine itself showed slightly increased interest in patients with HER2-positive metastatic disease or extensive tumour involvement of the lungs, resulting in dyspnoea at rest. Therefore, caution should be taken when administering trastuzumab in combination with capecitabine and cisplatin. Trastuzumab can increase the overall exposure of 7-deoxy-13 dihydro-doxorubicin (7DD), a doxorubicin metabolite. The bioactivity of 7DD and the clinical impact of the increase of this metabolite is not clear. Therefore, caution should be taken when administering trastuzumab in combination with doxorubicin and cisplatin. Trastuzumab can increase the overall exposure of 7-deoxy-13 dihydro-doxorubicin (7DD), a doxorubicin metabolite. The bioactivity of 7DD and the clinical impact of the increase of this metabolite is not clear.

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Table 4 Summary of LVEF Change from baseline (BO18255 study)

LVEF Decrease: Lowest Post-screening Value	Trastuzumab /Fluoropyrimidine/ Cisplatin (N = 294) (% of patients in each treatment arm)	Fluoropyrimidine/Cisplatin (N = 290) (% of patients in each treatment arm)
“LVEF decrease of =10% to a value of < 50%”	4.6%	1.1%
Absolute Value < 50%	5.9%	1.1%
“LVEF decrease of = 10% to a value of = 50%”	16.5%	11.8%

*Only includes patients whose method of assessment at that visit is the same as at their initial assessments (FP, n = 187 and FP+H, n = 237)

Table 5 Cardiac Adverse Events (BO18255 study)

Total Cardiac Events	Fluoropyrimidine /Cisplatin (N = 290) (% of patients in each treatment arm)	Trastuzumab /Fluoropyrimidine/ Cisplatin (N = 294) (% of patients in each treatment arm)
6%	3%	6%
*** Grade 3 NCI CTCAE v3.0	***	***

* 9 patients experienced 9 Events
** 4 patients experienced 5 Events

Overall, there were no significant differences in cardiac dysfunction between the treatment arm and the comparator arm.

Haematological toxicity

Breast Cancer

Haematological toxicity was infrequent following the administration of trastuzumab as a single agent in the metastatic setting. WHO Grade 3 leucopenia, thrombocytopenia and anaemia occurring in < 1 % of patients. No metastatic disease, 4 patients were observed.

There was an increase in WHO Grade 3 or 4 haematological toxicity in patients treated with the combination of trastuzumab and paclitaxel compared with patients receiving paclitaxel alone (34 % versus 21 %). Haematological toxicity was also increased in patients receiving trastuzumab and docetaxel, compared with docetaxel alone (32 % grade 3/4 neutropenia versus 22 %, using NCI-CTC criteria). Note that this is likely to be an underestimate since docetaxel alone at a dose of 100mg/m2 is known to result in neutropenia in 97 % of patients, 76% grade 4, based on nadir blood counts. The incidence of febrile neutropenia/neutropenic sepsis was also increased in patients treated with trastuzumab plus docetaxel (23 % versus 17 % for patients treated with docetaxel alone).

Using NCI-CTC criteria, in the BO16348 study trial, 0.4% of trastuzumab-treated patients experienced a shift of 3 or 4 grades from baseline, compared with 0.6% in the observation arm.

Advanced Gastric Cancer
The most frequently reported AEs of Grade 3 occurring with an incidence rate of at least 1 % by trial treatment, that were categorised under the Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders SOC are shown below:

Table 6 Frequently reported AEs grade 3 in blood and lymphatic system disorders SOC

	Fluoropyrimidine/ Cisplatin (N = 290) (% of patients in each treatment arm)	Trastuzumab / Fluoropyrimidine/ Cisplatin (N = 294) (% of patients in each treatment arm)
Neutropenia	30%	27%
Anaemia	10%	12%
Febrile neutropenia	3%	5%
Thrombocytopenia	3%	5%

The total percentage of patients who experienced an AE of grade 3 NCI-CTCAE v3.0 that has been categorised under this SOC were 38% in the FP arm and 40% in the FP + H arm.

Overall, there were no significant differences in haematotoxicity between the treatment arm and the comparator arm.

Hepatic and renal toxicity

Breast Cancer

WHO Grade 3 or 4 hepatic toxicity was observed in 12 % of patients following administration of Trastuzumab IV as single agent, in the metastatic setting. This toxicity was associated with progression of disease in the liver in 60 % of these patients.

WHO Grade 3 or 4 hepatic toxicity was less frequently observed among patients receiving Trastuzumab IV and paclitaxel than among patients receiving paclitaxel (7 % compared with 15 %). No WHO Grade 3 or 4 renal toxicity was observed.

Metastatic Gastric Cancer
In BO18255 study no significant differences in hepatic and renal toxicity were observed between the two treatment arms.

NCI-CTCAE (version 3.0) grade 3 renal toxicity was not significantly higher in patients receiving Trastuzumab IV + FP than those in the FP arm (3% and 2% respectively).

NCI-CTCAE (version 3.0) grade 3 adverse event in the Hepatobiliary Disorders SOC; Hyperbilirubinaemia was the only reported AE and was not significantly higher in patients receiving Trastuzumab IV + FP than those in the FP arm (1% and < 1 % respectively).

Diarrhoea

Breast Cancer

Of patients treated with Trastuzumab IV as a single agent in the metastatic setting, 27 % experienced diarrhoea. An increase in the incidence of diarrhoea, primarily mild to moderate in severity, has also been observed in patients receiving trastuzumab in combination with paclitaxel compared with patients receiving paclitaxel alone.

In the BO16348 study trial, 8 % of trastuzumab-treated patients experienced diarrhoea during the first year of treatment.

Metastatic Gastric Cancer
In BO18255 study, 109 patients (37 %) participating in the trastuzumab-containing treatment arm versus 80 patients (28 %) in the comparator arm experienced diarrhoea. Using NCI-CTCAE severity criteria, the percentage of patients experiencing grade 3 diarrhoea was 4 % in the FP arm vs 9 % in the FP+H arm.

Infection

An increased incidence of infections, primarily mild upper respiratory infections of minor clinical significance or catheter infections has been observed in patients treated with trastuzumab.

Laboratory Abnormalities

Febrile neutropenia occurs very commonly. Commonly occurring adverse reactions include anaemia, leucopenia, thrombocytopenia and neutropenia. The frequency of occurrence of hypothyroidism is not known.

Postmarketing Experience

The following adverse drug reactions have been identified from postmarketing experience with trastuzumab (Table 7).

Table 7 Adverse Reactions reported in the post marketing setting

System organ class	Adverse reaction
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Bronchospasm Oxygen saturation decreased Respiratory failure Interstitial lung disease Lung infiltration Acute respiratory distress syndrome
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Pulmonary fibrosis Hypoxia Laryngeal oedema Glomerulonephropathy
Renal and urinary disorders	Renal failure
Pregnancy, puerperium and perinatal conditions	Pulmonary hypoplasia Renal hypoplasia Oligohydramnios
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	Hypothyroidism Immune thrombocytopenia
Immune system disorders	Anaphylactoid reaction Anaphylactic reaction
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Tumour lysis syndrome
Eye disorders	Madarosis
Cardiac disorders	Cardiogenic shock Tachycardia

OVERDOSE

There is no information on overdose from human clinical trials. Single doses greater than 10 mg/kg of trastuzumab (reference product) alone have not been administered in the clinical trials. Doses up to this level were well tolerated

Efficacy

NBC

Trastuzumab monotherapy has been used in clinical trials for patients with metastatic breast cancer who have tumours that overexpress HER2 and who have failed one or more chemotherapy regimens for their metastatic disease. Trastuzumab has also been used in clinical trials in combination with paclitaxel or an anthracycline (doxorubicin or epirubicin) plus cyclophosphamide (AC) as first line therapy for patients with metastatic breast cancer who have tumours that overexpress HER2. Patients who had previously received anthracycline-based adjuvant chemotherapy were treated with trastuzumab (175 mg/m2 infused over 3 hours) with or without trastuzumab. Patients could be treated with trastuzumab until progression of disease.

Trastuzumab monotherapy, when used as second- or third-line treatment of women with metastatic breast cancer which overexpresses HER-2, results in an overall tumor response rate of 15% and a median survival of 13 months. The use of trastuzumab in combination with paclitaxel as first-line treatment of women with metastatic breast cancer that overexpresses HER-2 significantly prolongs the median time to disease progression, compared with patients treated with paclitaxel alone. The increase in median time to disease progression for patients treated with Trastuzumab and paclitaxel is 3.9 months (6.9 months vs. 3.0 months). Tumor response and one year survival rate are also increased for trastuzumab in combination with paclitaxel versus paclitaxel alone.

Combination treatment with Trastuzumab and anastrozole

Trastuzumab has been studied in combination with anastrozole for first line treatment of metastatic breast cancer in HER2 overexpressing, hormone-receptor (i.e. estrogen-receptor (ER) and/or progesterone-receptor (PR)) positive postmenopausal patients. Progression free survival was doubled in the Trastuzumab plus anastrozole arm compared to anastrozole (4.8 months versus 2.4 months). For other parameters the improvements seen for the combination were for overall response (16.5% versus 6.7%), clinical benefit rate (42.7% versus 27.9%), time to progression (4.8 months versus 2.4 months). For time to response and duration of response no difference could be recorded between the arms. The median overall survival was extended by 4.6 months for patients in the combination arm. The difference was not statistically significant, however more than half of the patients in the anastrozole alone arm crossed over to a Trastuzumab containing regimen after progression of disease.

3-week dosing in MBC

The efficacy results from the non-comparative monotherapy and combination therapy studies are summarised in the following table:

Table 8 Efficacy results from the non-comparative monotherapy and combination therapy studies

Parameter	Monotherapy	Combination Therapy
	Trastuzumab1 N=105	Trastuzumab2 N=72 Trastuzumab plus paclitaxel3 N=32
Response rate (95%CI) %	24% (15 - 35)	27% (14 - 43) 59% (41-76)
Median duration of response (months) (range)	10.1 (2.8-35.6)	7.9 (2.1-18.8) 10.5 (1.8-21)
Median TTP (months) (95%CI)	3.4 (2.8-4.1)	7.7 (4.2-8.3) 12.2 (6.2-ne)
Median Survival (months) (95%CI)	ne	ne ne

TTP = time to progression; “ne” indicates that it could not be estimated or it was not yet reached.

- 1. Study W016229: loading dose 8mg/kg, followed by 6 mg/kg 3 weekly schedule
- 2. Study M016982: loading dose 6mg/kg weekly x 3; followed by 6mg/kg 3-weekly schedule
- 3. Bo15935

EBIC

In the adjuvant treatment setting, Trastuzumab was investigated in 4 large multicentre, randomised, phase 3 trials:

- Study BO16348 study was designed to compare one year and two years of three-weekly Trastuzumab treatment versus observation in patients with HER2 positive early breast cancer following surgery, established chemotherapy and radiotherapy (if applicable). In addition, a comparison of two years of Trastuzumab treatment versus one year of Trastuzumab treatment was performed. Patients assigned to receive Trastuzumab were given an initial loading dose of 8mg/kg, followed by 6 mg/kg every three weeks for either one or two years.
- Studies NSABP B-31 and NCTG N9831 that comprise the joint analysis were designed to investigate the clinical utility of combining Trastuzumab IV treatment with paclitaxel following AC chemotherapy; additionally the NCTG N9831 study investigated adding Trastuzumab sequentially to AC-paclitaxel chemotherapy in patients with HER2 positive early breast cancer following surgery.
- Study BCIRG 006 study was designed to investigate combining Trastuzumab IV treatment with docetaxel either early breast cancer following surgery.

Early breast cancer in the Study BO16348 was limited to operable, primary, invasive adenocarcinoma of the breast, with axillary nodes positive or axillary nodes negative tumours of at least 1 cm in diameter.

The efficacy results from the BO16348 study are summarized in the following table:

Table 9 Efficacy Results BO16348 study: Results at 12months* and 8 years** of median follow-up

Parameter	Observation N=1693	Median follow-up 12 months Trastuzumab 1 Year N = 1693	Median follow-up 8 years Observation N= 1697***	Trastuzumab 1 Year N = 1702***
Disease-free survival - No. patients with event	219 (12.9%)	127 (7.5%)	570 (33.6%)	471 (27.7%)
- No. patients without event	1474 (87.1%)	1566 (92.5%)	1127 (66.4%)	1231 (72.3%)
P-value versus Observation		< 0.0001		< 0.0001
Hazard Ratio versus Observation		0.54		0.76

Parameter	Observation N=1693	Median follow-up 12 months Trastuzumab 1 Year N = 1693	Observation N= 1697***	Median follow-up 8 years Trastuzumab 1 Year N = 1702***
Recurrence-free survival - No. patients with event	208 (12.3%)	113 (6.7%)	506 (29.8%)	399 (23.4%)
- No. patients without event	1485 (87.7%)	1580 (93.3%)	1191 (70.2%)	1303 (76.6%)
P-value versus Observation		< 0.0001		< 0.0001
Hazard Ratio versus Observation		0.51		0.73
Distal recurrence - free survival - No. patients with event	184 (10.9%)	99 (5.8%)	488 (28.8%)	399 (23.4%)
- No. patients without event	1508 (89.1%)	1594 (94.6%)	1209 (71.2%)	1303 (76.6%)
P-value versus Observation		< 0.0001		< 0.0001
Hazard Ratio versus Observation		0.50		0.76
Overall survival (death) - No. patients with event	40 (2.4%)	31 (1.8%)	350 (20.6%)	278 (16.3%)
- No. patients without event	1653 (97.6%)	1662 (98.2%)	1347 (79.4%)	1424 (83.7%)
P-value versus Observation		0.24		0.0005
Hazard Ratio versus Observation		0.75		0.76

* Co-primary endpoint of DFS of 1 year vs observation met the pre-defined statistical boundary

** Final analysis (including crossover of 52 % of patients from the observation arm to Trastuzumab)

*** There is a discrepancy in the overall sample size due to a small number of patients who were randomized after the cut-off date for the 12-month median follow-up analysis

The efficacy results from the interim efficacy analysis crossed the protocol pre-specified statistical boundary for the comparison of 1-year of trastuzumab vs. observation. After a median follow-up of 12 months, the hazard ratio (HR) for disease-free survival (DFS) was 0.54 (95% CI 0.44, 0.67) which translates into an absolute benefit, in terms of a 2-year disease-free survival rate, of 7.6 percentage points (85.8% versus 78.2%) in favour of the Trastuzumab arm. A final analysis was performed after a median follow-up of 8 years, which showed that 1 year Trastuzumab treatment is associated with a 24% risk reduction compared to observation only (HR=0.76, 95% CI 0.67, 0.86). This translates into an absolute benefit in terms of an 8 year disease free survival rate of 6.4 percentage points in favour of 1 year trastuzumab treatment.

In this final analysis, extending Trastuzumab treatment for a duration of two years did not show additional benefit over treatment for 1 year (DFS HR in the intent to treat (ITT) population of 2 years vs 1 year=0.99 (95% CI 0.87, 1.13), p-value=0.90 and OS HR=0.98 (0.83, 1.15); p-value= 0.78). The rate of asymptomatic cardiac dysfunction was increased in the 2-year treatment arm (8.1% versus 4.6% in the 1-year treatment arm). More patients experienced at least one grade 3 or 4 adverse event in the 2-year treatment arm (20.4%) compared with the 1-year treatment arm (16.3%).

In the joint analysis of the NSABP B-31 and NCTG N9831 studies, early breast cancer was limited to women with operable breast cancer at high risk, defined as HER2-positive and axillary lymph node positive or HER2 positive and lymph node negative with high risk features (tumour size > 1 cm and ER negative or tumour size > 2 cm, regardless of hormonal status). Trastuzumab was administered in combination with paclitaxel, following AC chemotherapy. Paclitaxel was administered as follows:

- intravenous paclitaxel - 80 mg/m2 as a continuous IV infusion, given every week for 12 weeks, or
- intravenous paclitaxel - 175 mg/m2 as a continuous IV infusion, given every 3 weeks for 4 cycles (day 1 of each cycle)

Table 10 Summary of efficacy results from the joint analysis studies NSABP B-31 and NCTG N9831 at the time of the definitive DFS analysis*

Parameter	AC@ P (n=1679)	AC@ PH (n=1672)	p-value versus AC@ P	Hazard Ratio versus AC@ P (95% CI)
Response rate (95%CI) %	24% (15 - 35)	27% (14 - 43)	59% (41-76)	
Median duration of response (months) (range)	10.1 (2.8-35.6)	7.9 (2.1-18.8)	10.5 (1.8-21)	
Median TTP (months) (95%CI)	3.4 (2.8-4.1)	7.7 (4.2-8.3)	12.2 (6.2-ne)	
Median Survival (months) (95%CI)	ne	ne	ne	
Death (OS event): No. patients with event (%)	261 (15.5)	133 (8.0)	< 0.0001	0.48 (0.39, 0.59)
Recurrence No. patients with event (%)	193 (11.5)	96 (5.7)	< 0.0001	0.47 (0.37, 0.60)
Death (OS event): No. patients with event (%)	92 (5.5)	62 (3.7)	0.014	0.67 (0.48, 0.92)

A: doxorubicin; C: cyclophosphamide; P: paclitaxel; H: Trastuzumab

* At median duration of follow up of 1.8 years for the patients in the AC@ P arm and 2.0 years for patients in the AC@ PH arm

** p-value for OS did not cross the pre-specified statistical boundary for comparison of AC@ PH vs. AC@ P

Source: Table 15 Clinical Study Report: Joint Analysis of B-31 and N9831, 04 February 2006, Genentech, Inc.

For the primary endpoint, DFS, the addition of trastuzumab to the neoadjuvant chemotherapy resulted in a 52% decrease in the risk of disease recurrence. The hazard ratio translates into an absolute benefit, in terms of a 3-year disease-free survival rate, of 11.8 percentage points (87.2% versus 75.4%) in favour of the AC@ PH (trastuzumab) arm.

The pre-planned final analysis of OS from the joint analysis of studies NSABP B-31 and NCTG N9831 was performed when 707 deaths had occurred (median follow-up 8.3 years in the AC@ P H group). Treatment with AC@ P H resulted in a statistically significant improvement in OS compared with AC@ P (stratified HR=0.64, 95% CI [0.55, 0.74]; log-rank p-value< 0.0001). At 8 years, the survival rate was estimated to be 86.9% in the AC@ P H arm and 79.4% in the AC@ P arm, an absolute benefit of 7.4% (95% CI 4.9%, 10.0%).

The final OS results from the joint analysis of studies NSABP B-31 and NCTG N9831 are summarized in the following table:

Table 11 Final Overall Survival Analysis from the joint analysis of trials NSABP B-31 and NCTG N9831

Parameter	AC@ P (N=2032)	AC@ PH (N=2031)	p-value versus AC@ P	Hazard Ratio versus AC@ P (95% CI)
Death (OS event): No. patients with event (%)	418 (20.6%)	289 (14.2%)	< 0.0001	0.64 (0.55, 0.74)

A: doxorubicin; C: cyclophosphamide; P: paclitaxel; H: Trastuzumab

In the BCIRG 006 study, HER-2 positive, early breast cancer was limited to either lymph node positive or high risk node negative patients, defined as negative (pN0) lymph node involvement, and at least 1 of the following factors: tumour size greater than 2 cm, estrogen receptor and progesterone receptor negative, histologic and/or nuclear grade 2-3, or age < 35 years. Trastuzumab was administered either in combination with docetaxel, following AC chemotherapy (AC-DH) or in combination with docetaxel and carboplatin (D-CarBH).

Docetaxel was administered as follows:

- intravenously (100 mg/m2 as an IV infusion over 1 hour) given every 3 weeks for 4 cycles (day 2 of first docetaxel cycle, then day 1 of each subsequent cycle), or
- intravenously (75 mg/m2 as an IV infusion over 1 hour) given every 3 weeks for 6 cycles (day 2 of cycle 1, then day 1 of each cycle)

Docetaxel therapy was followed by carboplatin (at target AUC = 6 mg/ml/min) administered by IV infusion over 30-60 minutes repeated every 3 weeks for a total of 6 cycles.

The efficacy results from the BCIRG 006 study are summarized in the following tables:

Table 12 Overview of Efficacy Analyses AC@ D versus AC@ DH (BCIRG 006 study)

Parameter	AC→D (N=1073)	AC→DH (N=1074)	p-value versus AC→D (log-rank)	Hazard Ratio versus AC→D (95% CI)
Disease-free survival No. patients with event	195	134	< 0.0001	0.61 (0.49, 0.77)
Distal recurrence No. patients with event	144	95	< 0.0001	0.59 (0.46, 0.77)
Overall Survival (Death) No. patients with event	80	49	0.0024	0.58 (0.40, 0.83)

AC@ D = doxorubicin plus cyclophosphamide, followed by docetaxel; AC@ DH = doxorubicin plus cyclophosphamide, followed by docetaxel plus Trastuzumab; CI = confidence interval

Table 13 Overview of Efficacy Analyses AC@ D versus DCarBH (BCIRG 006 study)

Parameter	AC→D (N=1073)	DCarBH (N=1075)	p-value versus AC→D (log-rank)	Hazard Ratio versus AC→D (95% CI)
Disease-free survival No. patients with event	195	145	0.0003	0.67 (0.54, 0.83)
Distal recurrence No. patients with event	144	103	0.0008	0.65 (0.50, 0.84)
Death (OS event) No. patients with event	80	56	0.0182	0.66 (0.47, 0.93)

AC@ D = doxorubicin plus cyclophosphamide, followed by docetaxel; DCarBH = docetaxel, carboplatin and Trastuzumab; CI = confidence interval

In the BCIRG 006 study for the primary endpoint, DFS, the hazard ratio translates into an absolute benefit, in terms of a 3-year disease-free survival rate, of 5.8 percentage points (86.7% versus 80.9%) in favour of the AC@ DH (trastuzumab) arm and 4.6 percentage points (85.5% versus 80.9%) in favour of the DCarBH (trastuzumab) arm compared to AC@ D.

For the secondary endpoint overall survival, treatment with AC@ DH reduced the risk of death by 42% when compared to AC@ D (hazard ratio 0.58 (95% CI: 0.40, 0.83) p = 0.0024, log-rank test) and the risk of death was reduced by 34% for patients treated with DCarBH compared to patients treated with AC@ D (hazard ratio 0.66 (95% CI: 0.47, 0.93), p = 0.0182). In the BCIRG 006 study at the second interim analysis, 183 randomized patients had died: 80 patients (7.5%) in the AC@ D arm, 49 patients (4.6%) in the AC@ DH arm, and 56 patients (5.2%) in the DCarBH arm. The median duration of follow-up was 2.9 years in the AC@ D arm and 3.0 years in both the AC@ DH and DCarBH arms.

In the neoadjuvant-adjuvant treatment setting, Trastuzumab was evaluated in two phase 3 trials.

Study M016432, a multicenter randomised trial, was designed to investigate a total of 10 cycles of neoadjuvant chemotherapy (an anthracycline and a taxane (AP+H) followed by P+H, followed by CM+H) concurrently with neoadjuvant-adjuvant trastuzumab, or neoadjuvant chemotherapy alone, followed by adjuvant Trastuzumab for up to a total treatment duration of 1 year in newly diagnosed locally advanced (Stage II) or inflammatory HER2 positive breast cancer patients. The clinical utility of concurrent administration of Trastuzumab with neoadjuvant chemotherapy including both an anthracycline and a taxane (AP+H) followed by P+H, followed by CM+H, followed by adjuvant trastuzumab, up to a total treatment duration of 1 year, was as follows:

- Doxorubicin 60mg/m2 and paclitaxel 150 mg/m2, administered 3-weekly for 3 cycles, which was followed by
- Paclitaxel 175 mg/m2 administered 3-weekly for 4 cycles, which was followed by
- CMF on day 1 and 8 every 4 weeks for 3 cycles which was followed after surgery by
- additional cycles of adjuvant trastuzumab (to complete 1 year of treatment)

The study recruited patients with newly diagnosed locally advanced (Stage III) or inflammatory breast cancer. Patients with HER2+ tumours were randomised to receive either neoadjuvant chemotherapy concurrently with neoadjuvant-adjuvant, trastuzumab, or neoadjuvant chemotherapy alone.

Table 14 Overview of Efficacy Analyses M016432 study

Parameter	Chemo + Trastuzumab (N=115)	Chemo only (n=116)
Event-free survival No. patients with event	46	59
Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	0.65 (0.44, 0.96)	p=0.0275
Total pathological complete response* (95% CI)	40% (31.0, 49.6)	20.7% (13.7, 29.2)
P=0.0014		
Overall survival No. patients with event	22	33
Hazard Ratio (95% CI)		

* defined as absence of any invasive cancer both in the breast and axillary nodes

For the primary endpoint, EFS, the addition of trastuzumab to the neoadjuvant chemotherapy followed by adjuvant trastuzumab for a total duration of 52 weeks resulted in a 35% reduction in the risk of disease recurrence/progression. The hazard ratio translates into an absolute benefit, in terms of 3-year event-free survival rate estimates of 13 percentage points (65 % vs 52 %) in favour of the trastuzumab arm.

Metastatic Gastric Cancer

Trastuzumab has been investigated in a randomised, open-label phase III trial BO18