Clinical Management of Infusion-Related Reactions

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NCI-CTCAE v5.0 – Grade	Recommendations for treatment modification of bintrafusp alfa for symptoms of IRRs
 Grade 1: mild Mild transient reaction; infusion interruption not indicated; intervention not indicated 	 Increase monitoring of vital signs as medically indicated as patients are deemed medically stable by the attending physician
 Grade 2: moderate Therapy or infusion interruption indicated but if responds promptly to symptomatic treatment (eg, antihistamines, NSAIDs, narcotics, IV fluids); prophylactic medications indicated for ≤24 hours 	 Stop infusion of the treatment causing IRR Increase monitoring of vital signs as medically indicated as patients are deemed medically stable by the attending physician If symptoms resolve quickly, resume infusion at 50% of original rate with close monitoring of any worsening signs and symptoms; otherwise dosing held until resolution of symptoms with mandated premedication for the next scheduled visit If the patient has a second IRR grade ≥2 on the slower infusion rate despite premedication, the infusion should be stopped, and the attending physician may consider permanent discontinuation of the treatment
 Grade 3 or 4: severe or life-threatening Grade 3: Prolonged (eg, not rapidly responsive to symptomatic medication and/or brief interruption of infusion); recurrence of symptoms following initial improvement; hospitalization indicated for clinical sequelae Grade 4: Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated 	 Stop the infusion of treatment causing IRR immediately and disconnect infusion tubing from the patient; provide additional appropriate medical measures, and closely monitor until deemed medically stable by the attending physician. Hospitalization and/or close monitoring is recommended For grade 3 or 4 IRRs, permanent discontinuation of bintrafusp alfa is mandated

After the bintrafusp alfa infusion is interrupted or rate reduced to 50% of previous infusion rate, it must remain decreased for all subsequent infusions

AE, adverse event; irAE, immune-related adverse event; IRR, infusion-related reaction; IV, intravenous; NCI-CTCAE v5.0, National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events Version 5.0; NSAID, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug. Merck and GlaxoSmithKline. Data on file.

