

Hello

Im ready to review for you the exercise that I had asked you to do on the TNF antagonist

So let me just briefly review what I had asked you to do

So I had posted the prescribing information for those five TNF blockers and I wanted you to look at different sections: sections and in order to summarize the differences between the products: their molecular origin mechanism of action recommended dosing regimen use in the geriatric population notable drug drug interactions basic quantitative information and immunogenicity

So what I have put together for you as a key is a summary

So lets just look at across from left to right you can see we have Adalimumab Infliximab

Etanercept Golimumab Certolizumab Pegol as the five TNF blockers

So what they all have in common they are targeting tumor necrosis factor which is an inflammatory protein involved in autoimmune diseases

So lets see how they compare in terms of the type

And you can see two of them Adalimumab and Golimumab they are recombinant IgGs

They are targeting TNF and they are completely human humanized

Okay

So they are human completely human proteins

Compare that to Infliximab and you can see there is an exing [spelled phonetically]

so this is a chimeric protein

So here we have the IG kappa chain connected this is human then connected to the murine variable

So there is a mouse component to this but its still a monoclonal antibody

Then we have Etanercept

But Etanercept is not a monoclonal antibody

It's what they call a decoy receptor

It is a fusion protein where the TNF receptor is combined with FC of IgG

So they're taking the human receptor that is available recombinantly and they are bioengineering then a protein where they're combining it with the FC receptor

Why would they combine it with the FC receptor?

Well, remember the FC receptor is responsible among other things for FcRn-mediated recycling

So they're basically doing this and taking advantage of the FcRn to prolong the half-life

Otherwise the TNF receptor by itself that protein would be degraded very quickly

And then last one, the Certolizumab that's humanized so it's not human but humanized

So it has some human sequences and it's conjugated with Polyethylene glycol

Why did they conjugate it with Polyethylene glycol?

Again to prolong the half-life

So this is a monoclonal antibody but they're trying to prolong the half-life

So if you just switch down and look at the well, let's look at the mechanism of action

first

So all these monoclonals they are inhibiting the receptor both soluble and membrane bound

The one exception is the decoy receptor

Okay

So that is the receptor that you are giving exogenously that is competing for TNF

And it's sucking it up and it's preventing it from doing its damage

Other than that they are all TNF binding neutralizing molecules

How do they compare in terms of their different pharmacokinetic properties?

Well the first thing, Infliximab is the only one that is given intravenously

So we obviously don't have to worry about bioavailability

The ones that are given subcutaneously you can see the bioavailability ranges from 0

to about 0 percent

Eighty percent is the highest for Cimzia

Their peak concentration is achieved five days two days two to six days days

So it takes a couple of days because of the slow subcutaneous absorption

For Infliximab the C<sub>max</sub> is obviously the end of the infusion

You can see that all at least the ones that we have information on follow linear PK

How can that be after I tried to convince you that you have to worry about nonlinear

PK for mAbs and for proteins in general?

What that means is the doses are so high that they are exceeding the levels that you achieve

exceed by far the levels of TNF in the body

Okay

So the binding to the target really has become a small the nonlinear receptor binding

has become a small part of the overall PK

So the overall PK across the board is linear which obviously makes life easier

If you look at the volumes of distribution you can see they range somewhere from five

to maybe 10 liters

So they're all large proteins that have a tough time leaving the intravascular space

just like you would have expected

The big difference is in their clearance and their half-life

So you can see what I would call the standard monoclonals: Adalimumab and Golimumab humanized

ones they have half-lives about two to three weeks and similar clearances

So that's basically what an endogenous IgG does

So their clearance is primarily via the FcRn-mediated recycling

Let's look at the chimeric

Okay

And you can see the chimeric one has a shorter half-life

So because of the fact that it has a murine component to it it's eliminated more quickly

Okay

On the other hand the Etanercept the decoy receptor has an even shorter half-life despite the fact that it's combined or conjugated with an FC segment

Okay

So although its bioengineering it helped a little bit but the half-life is still of all five of them it is the shortest

On the other hand you can see that the PEGylation of Certolizumab gives it about a two-week half-life

Okay

Now if we look at the various doses you can see accordingly the Adalimumab is given biweekly subcutaneously

The Infliximab is given loading dose and then basically every two to four weeks two to eight weeks

The Etanercept the one with the shortest half-life has to be given every week Golimumab every four weeks and Certolizumab every two weeks

So the short half-life translates into the highest dose frequency for the Etanercept

Okay

So the decoy receptor has to be given very frequently because it has the highest clearance and the shortest half-life despite the FC conjugation

Now if you look at the major drug-drug interactions you can see this is not what you typically find for a small molecular weight drug where you look at other metabolic inhibitors drug transport inhibitors

But here you basically have a pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic interaction that methotrexate which is typically given for the autoimmune diseases before you would start patients on those monoclonal antibodies on those TNF antagonists

Methotrexate reduces the clearance for pretty much all of them with the exception of Etanercept

And the mechanism behind that is that methotrexate reduces immune cells and immune cells are involved in the clearance via the FC effector function

So by coadministering therapeutically methotrexate you are reducing the clearance for at least four out of five

Pharmacodynamically as a result of coadministration of methotrexate being an immune suppressor you would expect and you can see the label states that that the immune suppression is enhanced

Okay

So no major differences as I said with the possible exception of the fusion protein

Now the last thing to look at is the immunogenicity

So this is what's the incidence of either ADAs or infusion reactions signs of allergic response?

And I've highlighted here the two that stick out because you can see let's start with the ones that are basically very similar

Adalimumab five percent ADA incidence may be lowering plasma concentrations and reduce efficacy

About the same incidence in Certolizumab and Golimumab; again the incidence is very similar

But then you look at the two problem children if you like

Infliximab and Etanercept

Okay

So Infliximab has a fairly high incidence of infusion reaction

That means during the infusion people develop rashes things like that that may require treatment

Okay

That is a direct consequence of the fact that we're using a different species other than the humans as part of the molecule

And if you look at the fusion protein that incidence is even higher

Okay

So you see those two are not only hampered by the fact that they have a fairly short half-life they also as a result of the fact that they're either artificial construct or that they contain a chimeric meaning miRNA sequences they also have a high incidence of immunogenicity

And I think that's it

I hope you not only enjoyed doing the exercise but enjoyed listening to my lecture

I appreciate your paying attention to me and if you've got any questions as always

contact the program coordinator

Thank you