





Antibody Drug Conjugates in Practice: Emerging Toxicities and Management Strategies in Breast Cancer

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Targets

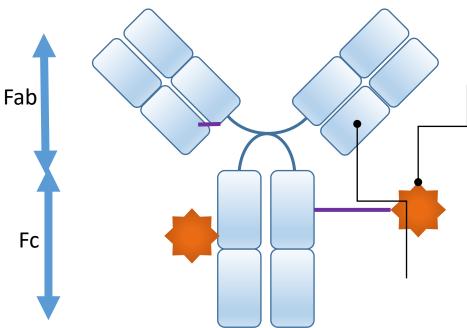
- Understand the concept of novel antibody drug conjugates (ADCs) and relevant mechanism of action
- Review the common toxicities with ADCs and management strategies
- Evaluate the upcoming ADC therapies and expected toxicities



Components of ADC

Antibody

- High affinity and specificity to tumor antigen
- Efficient internalization
- Reduced immunogenicity
- ADCC/CDC



Linker

- Stable in the blood stream
- Capable of releasing payload once internalized



Payload

Highly potent

- Auristatins

- Maytansines

Microtubule inhibitors

DNA damaging agents

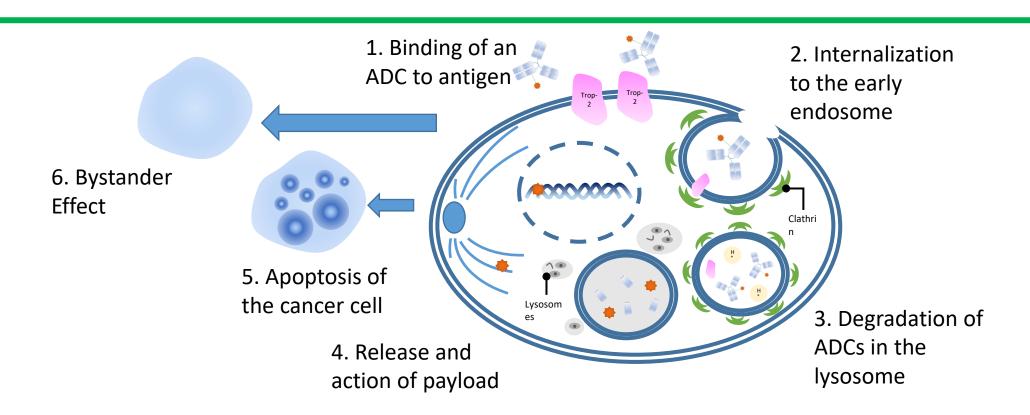
- Calicheamicin

- Duocarmycins

- SN-38



Targeted payload delivery





ADCs Approved in Breast Cancer

Ado-trastuzumab emtansine (T-DM1)

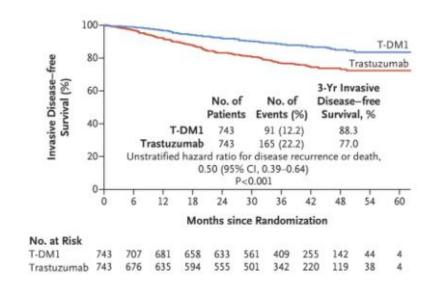
• Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan (DS-8201)

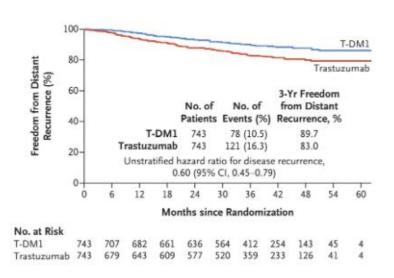
Sacituzumab govitecan (IMMU-132)





T-DM1 Approval in HER2+ Breast Cancer





First ADC Approved for Early Breast Cancer







Adverse Effect	Any Grade	Grade 3/4
Nausea	41.6%	0.5%
Thrombocytopenia	28.5%	3.6%
AST/ALT increase	23.1%	0.4%
Peripheral Neuropathy	18.6%	1.4%
Pneumonitis	2.6%	NR





T-DM1: Management

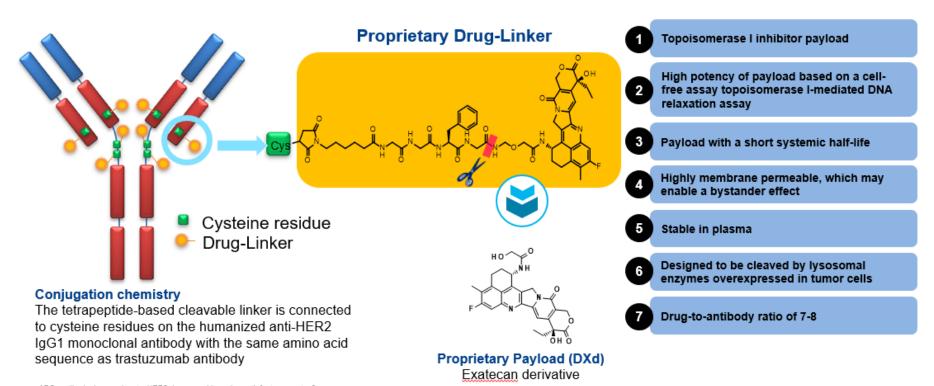
Toxicity	Grade	Dose Adjustment and Management Recommendations
Thrombocytopenia	Grade 1 or 2 (≥75 x 10 ⁹ /L)	No dose adjustment required.
	Grade 3 <u>(></u> 25 x 10 ⁹ /L - <50 x 10 ⁹ /L)	Dose interruption until recovery to grade ≤1. Restart T-DM1 at the same dose level.
	Grade 4 (<25 x 10 ⁹ /L)	Dose interruption until recovery to grade ≤1. Restart T-DM1 at the next lower dose level.

*Similarly for AST/ALT elevation



Trastuzumab Deruxtecan (T-DXd): HER2 ADC with bystander effect

Trastuzumab Deruxtecan is a HER2 targeted ADC with 7 key attributes

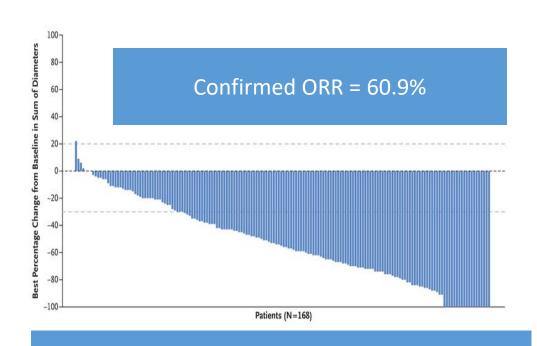


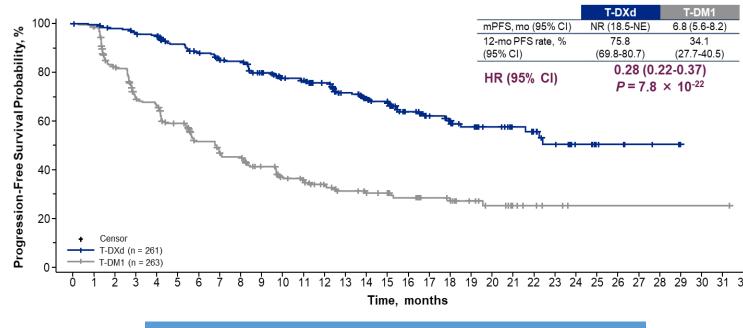


ADC=antibody-drug conjugate; HER2=human epidermal growth factor receptor 2



Trastuzumab Deruxtecan (T-DXd): HER2+ MBC (Destiny-01 and 03)





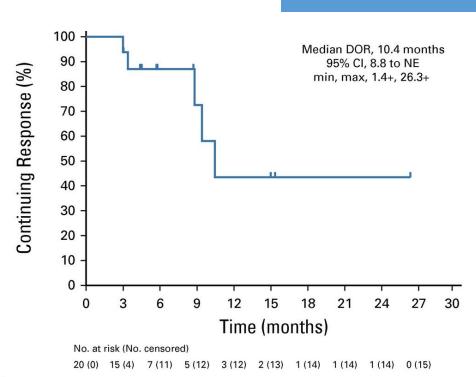
FDA Approval based on single arm phase 2 trial

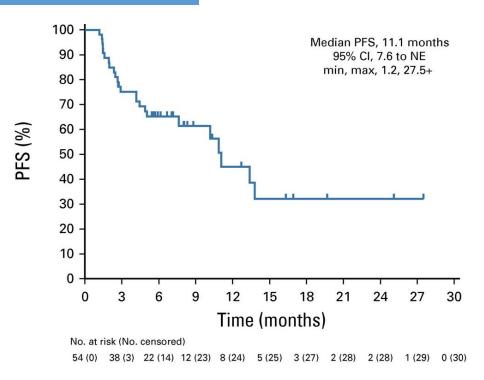
Superior activity compared to T-DM1



Trastuzumab Deruxtecan (T-DXd): HER2 Low Tumors



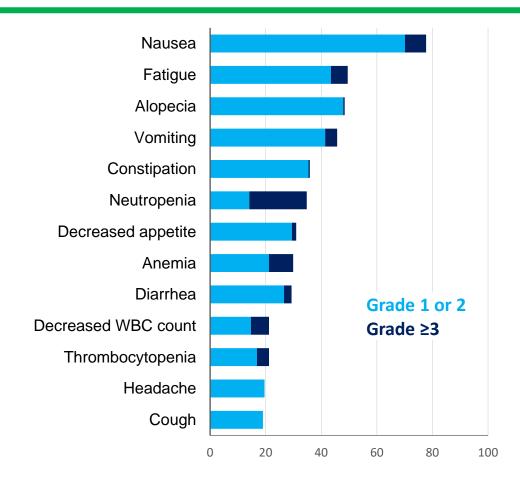








Treatment Related Adverse Effects: Trastuzumab Deruxtecan



Different AE profile than T-DM1



Adverse Effects: Special Interest

Adjudicated as drug-related ILD/pneumonitisa, n (%) n (%) Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 **Grade 5 Any Grade** Grade 1 T-DXd (n = 257)18 (7.0) 2 (0.8) 27 (10.5) 7 (2.7) 0 0 T-DM1 (n = 261)0 0 5 (1.9) 4 (1.5) 1 (0.4) 0

There were no grade 4 or 5 adjudicated drug-related ILD/pneumonitis events observed with T-DXd

LVEF decrease, n (%)						
n (%)	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Any Grade
T-DXd (n = 257)	1 (0.4) ^b	6 (2.3) ^c	0	0	0	7 (2.7)
T-DM1 (n = 261)	0	1 (0.4) ^c	0	0	0	1 (0.4)

 In the T-DXd arm, all reported adverse events of LVEF decrease were asymptomatic and no cases of cardiac failure occurred



Pneumonitis Management: Initial work-up

Early recognition and treatment are critical to improving outcomes:

- Condition may be asymptomatic (Gr1) which only changes on radiographic imaging or is accompanied by symptoms including cough, shortness of breath, fever
- Evaluate for alternative etiology (infection, disease progression, other medications)
- In the absence of clear alternative etiology, all events should be considered to be related to T-DXd
- Management of all toxicities should be per toxicity related guidelines until toxicity resolves,
 unless or until proved to be due to alternate etiology
- Consider High-resolution CT scan of chest, and pulmonology or infectious disease consultation





Pneumonitis

Grade 1 (asymptomatic: clinical or diagnostic observations only)

- Monitor closely (weekly if indicated)
- Consider starting systemic steroids
- If no improvement or there is evidence of worsening radiologic, oximetric or PFT markers consider treating as G2 event
- If event resolves, re-start T-DXd

Grade 2 (Symptomatic; medical intervention indicated; limiting instrumental ADL)

- Monitor symptoms closely
- Promptly start systemic steroids (≥ 1 mg/kg/day of prednisone or equivalent) for ≥ 14 days or until complete resolution of clinical and Chest CT findings, followed by gradual taper over at least 4 weeks
- If no clinical improvement within 5 days of initial steroid therapy, re-evaluate for other causes, and/or switch to IV steroids such as methylprednisolone 2mg/kg/day
- DISCONTINUE T-DXd

Grade 3 or 4 (Severe symptoms, O2 indicated, lifethreatening respiratory compromise

- Hospitalization required
- Promptly start methylprednisolone pulse therapy (500 1000mg/day) x 3 days followed by 1mg/kg/day of prednisone (or equivalent) for ≥ 14 days or until clinical resolution of clinical and Chest CT findings, followed by gradual taper over at least 4 weeks
- If no improvement within 3-5 days, re-evaluate with additional work-up for alternative causes.
 Consider other immunosuppressants
- DISCONTINUE T-DXd

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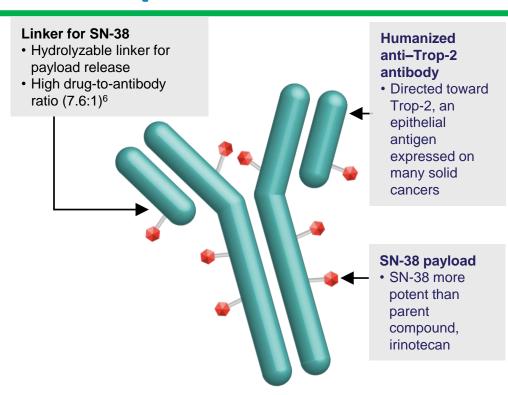


Sacituzumab Govitecan (IMMU132): ADC Targeting *trop-2* in TNBC



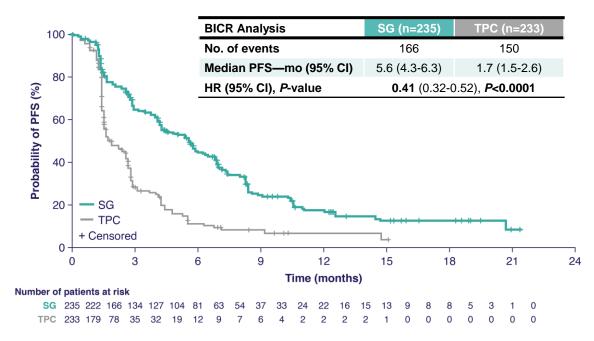
Sacituzumab Govitecan: First-in-class trop2 ADC

- Trop-2 is expressed in all subtypes of breast cancer and linked to poor prognosis^{1,2}
- SG is distinct from other ADCs³⁻⁶
 - Antibody highly specific for Trop-2
 - High drug-to-antibody ratio (7.6:1)
 - Internalization and enzymatic cleavage by tumor cell not required for the liberation of SN-38 from the antibody
 - Hydrolysis of the linker also releases the SN-38 cytotoxic extracellularly in the tumor microenvironment, providing a bystander effect

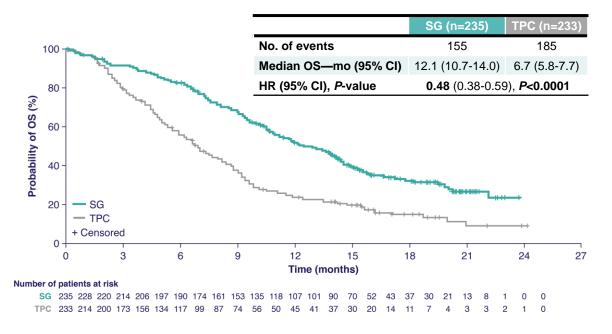




Sacituzumab Govitecan vs TPC



Progression-Free Survival



Overall Survival





Treatment Related Adverse Effects: Sacituzumab Govitecan (vs TPC)

			SG (n=258)			TPC (n=224)	
TRAE*		All grade %	Grade 3, %	Grade 4, %	All grade, %	Grade 3, %	Grade 4, %
	Neutropenia [†]	63	46	17	43	27	13
llamatalasia	Anemia [‡]	34	8	0	24	5	0
Hematologic	Leukopenia [§]	16	10	1	11	5	1
	Febrile neutropenia	6	5	1	2	2	<1
	Diarrhea	59	10	0	12	<1	0
Gastrointestinal	Nausea	57	2	<1	26	<1	0
	Vomiting	29	1	<1	10	<1	0
	Fatigue	45	3	0	30	5	0
Other	Alopecia	46	0	0	16 20	0	0

- Key grade ≥3 TRAEs (SG vs TPC): neutropenia (51% vs 33%), diarrhea (10% vs <1%), leukopenia (10% vs 5%), anemia (8% vs 5%), and febrile neutropenia (6% vs 2%)
- No severe cardiovascular toxicity, no grade >2 neuropathy or grade >3 interstitial lung disease with SG





Toxicity Management: Sacituzumab Govitecan

Adverse Event	Suggested Intervention
Neutropenia (Absolute neutrophil count below 1500/mm³ on Day 1 or below 1000/mm³ on Day 8 of any cycle)	 Initiate anti-infective treatment in patients with febrile neutropenia Withhold treatment until resolved to Grade 1 and reduce subsequent doses First occurrence: 25% dose reduction and administer G-CSF Second occurrence: 50% dose reduction Third occurrence: Discontinue treatment
Diarrhea	 Give fluids and electrolytes as needed Administer Atropine, if not contraindicated, for early diarrhea of any severity At onset of late diarrhea, evaluate for infectious causes and, if negative, promptly initiate loperamide If severe diarrhea occurs, withhold treatment until resolved to Grade 1 and reduce subsequent doses First occurrence: 25% dose reduction Second occurrence: 50% dose reduction Third occurrence: Discontinue treatment
Other Adverse Events Grade ≥ 3	 Discontinue until resolved to Grade 1 and reduce subsequent doses: First occurrence: 25% dose Second occurrence: 50% dose reduction Third occurrence: Discontinue treatment

Drug Metabolism and toxicity: Sacituzumab Govitecan

UGT1A1 polymorphisms may modulate Incidence of Adverse Events

		SG (n=250) [†]						
		*1/*1 Wild-Type *1 (n=113)			*1/*28 Heterozygous (n=96)		*28/*28 Homozygous (n=34)	
	TRAE [‡]	All grade, %	Grade ≥3, %	All grade, %	Grade ≥3, %	All grade, %	Grade ≥3, %	
	Neutropenia§	76 (67)	60 (53)	55 (57)	45 (47)	24 (71)	20 (59)	
	Anemia ^{II}	37 (33)	5 (4)	29 (30)	6 (6)	16 (47)	5 (15)	
	Leukopenia**	18 (16)	10 (9)	13 (14)	9 (9)	8 (24)	5 (15)	
Hematologic	Lymphopenia [¶]	10 (9)	1 (1)	5 (5)	1 (1)	4 (12)	2 (6)	
	Febrile neutropenia	3 (3)	3 (3)	5 (5)	5 (5)	6 (18)	6 (18)	
	Thrombocytopenia [≡]	3 (3)	0	6 (6)	0	4 (12)	4 (12)	
Gastrointestinal	Diarrhea	65 (58)	11 (10)	57 (59)	9 (9)	21 (62)	5 (15)	





Adverse Effects: Summary

Drug	Toxicity
Ado-trastuzumab <u>emtansine</u> (T-DM1)	Thrombocytopenia, Peripheral Neuropathy
Trastuzumab deruxtecan (DS-8201a)	GI toxicity, Pneumonitis
Sacituzumab govitecan (IMMU-132)	Myelosuppression, GI toxicity



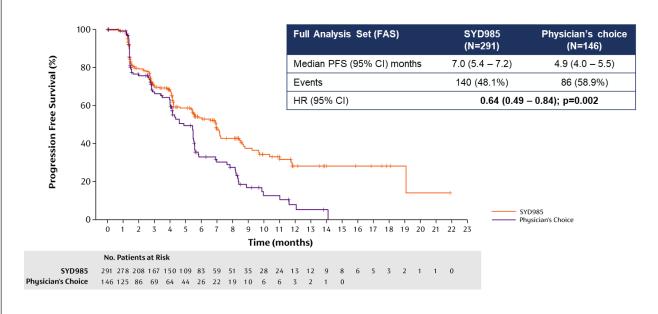
How about other Drugs?





Trastuzumab-Duocarmazine: HER2 ADC

Antibody		Linker			Prodrug	
trastuzumab	maleimide linker	protease-cleavable linker	self-elim spac		seco-duocarmycin prodrug	
SYD98	-\frac{0}{N}-\frac{0}{0}	valine citrulline ONH2 HN N H ONH N N H ONH N N H ONH N N H ONH N N N N	PABC	cyclization spacer	CI N N H	OH





Adverse Events and Management: Trastuzumab-Duocarmazine

Eye toxicity: Reported for 78.1% SYD985 patients, physician's choice 29.2%

- Grade ≥ 3 for 21.2% SYD985 patients
- Discontinuation of treatment due to eye toxicity in 20.8% of SYD985 patients
- Dose modifications due to eye toxicity in 22.9% of SYD985 patients

Risk mitigation strategy in trial: Patients with prior keratitis excluded, prophylactic lubricating eye drops, regular eye exams by ophthalmologist, Grade 3 or higher keratitis stop treatment, grade 3 conjunctivitis delay treatment until reduced to grade 2

ILD/pneumonitis: Reported for 7.6% (N=22/288) SYD985 patients, not reported for physician's choice

- Grade ≥ 3 for 2.4% SYD985 patients
- Discontinuation of treatment due to ILD/Pneumonitis in 15 (5.2%) of SYD985 patients
- Dose modifications due to ILD/Pneumonitis in 6 (2.1%) of SYD985 patients

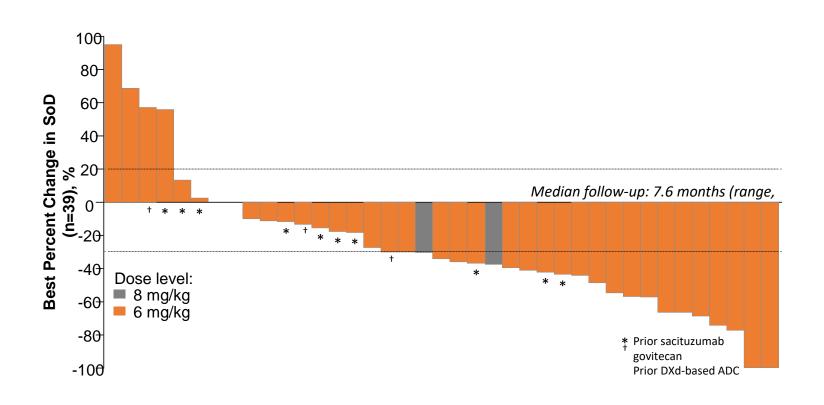
Risk mitigation strategy in trial: Patients with prior pneumonitis excluded, evaluate tumor CT scans for lung changes, do a full diagnostic work-up for new or worsening respiratory symptoms, grade 2 or higher pneumonitis stop treatment, grade 1 pneumonitis delay treatment until resolution

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Datopotamab Deruxtecan: Trop2 ADC

Humanized Anti-TROP2 IgG1 mAb Deruxtecan^{6,a} Cleavable Tetrapeptide-Based Linker Topoisomerase I Inhibitor Payload (DXd)

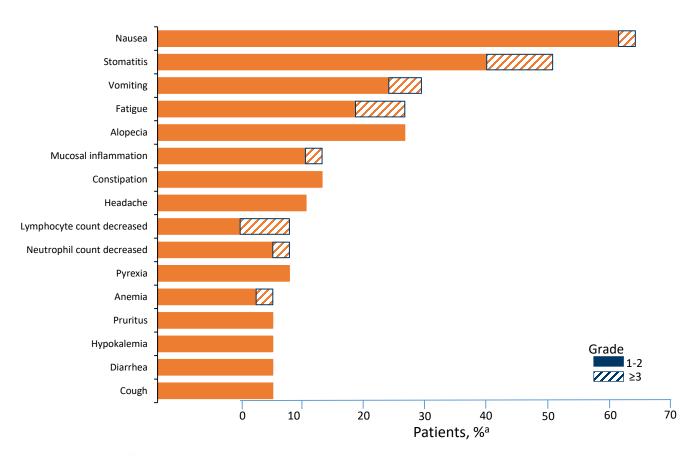








Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events: Datopotamab Deruxtecan



- Most common adverse events observed were nausea and stomatitis (predominantly grade 1-2)
- Low frequency of hematologic toxicity and diarrhea
- No cases of ILD
- Different from Sacituzumab Govitecan and Trastuzumab Deruxetcan!





ADCs to target MBC: Multiple Agents in Development

Target	Target	Payload
Trastuzumab deruxtecan (DS-8201a)	HER2	Topo-1 inhibitor
Sacituzumab govitecan (IMMU-132)	Trop-2	Topo-1 inhibitor
Datopotamab deruxtecan (DS-1062)	Trop-2	Topo-1 inhibitor
Ladiratuzumab vedotin (SGN-LIV1a)	LIV-1	Microtubule inhibitor
Patritumab deruxtecan (U3-1402)	HER3	Topo-1 inhibitor
SAR408701	CEA-CAM5	Microtubule inhibitor
Praluzatamab ravtansine	CD166	Microtubule inhibitor





Conclusion

- While the toxic payload is a major determinant of toxicity, the composition of ADC including internalization efficiency, by-stander effect, and payload metabolism, all are important consideration that could impact toxicities associated with ADC.
- Early recognition and management critical for management of toxicities, particularly serious AEs such as pneumonitis.
- Toxicity can usually be managed with supportive therapy and dose-reductions.
- Different ADCs with different combinations of antibodies and payloads will shed additional light into mechanisms governing toxicities with ADCs.



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