

# SUBDUE the CYTOKINE STORM in primary HLH<sup>1,2</sup>

Gamifant® (emapalumab-lzsg) is the first and only FDA-approved treatment for primary hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH) specifically designed to target interferon gamma (IFN $\gamma$ ) overexpression.<sup>1,3</sup>

- ▶ Gamifant received Breakthrough Therapy and Orphan Drug Designations from the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA).<sup>3</sup>

## Indication and Usage

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## There's no time to wait<sup>4</sup>

**Primary HLH is a rare but fatal health condition that presents as early as infancy and as late as adulthood as a heterogeneous syndrome of rapidly progressive, life-threatening symptoms.<sup>4,5</sup>**

Without timely diagnosis and treatment, the median survival is about 2 months.<sup>4</sup> Data show that even with conventional treatments, 50% of patients fail to reach hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) due to inadequate response.<sup>6</sup>

- **Primary HLH can be challenging to diagnose** due to its variable presentation characterized by fevers, hepatosplenomegaly, severe cytopenias, hyperferritinemia, coagulation defects, liver function impairment, and infections<sup>4,7,8</sup>
- **The goal of treatment in primary HLH patients is to quickly bring hyperinflammation under control.** Where appropriate, a secondary goal of treatment is to prepare patients for HSCT<sup>4,9,10</sup>
- **A central cause of hyperinflammation is the massive overexpression of IFN $\gamma$  and the resulting "cytokine storm"**—an uncontrolled release of inflammatory cytokines and overactivation of phagocytes that can result in irreversible organ damage and death<sup>5,11</sup>

If you suspect that your patient has primary HLH and have ruled out malignancy, do not wait for confirmed genetic testing to initiate treatment. Closely follow your patient's response to therapy, and for those with refractory, recurrent, or progressive disease or intolerance to conventional therapy **consider Gamifant<sup>®</sup> (emapalumab-lzsg).**<sup>4,10</sup>

**Gamifant is the first and only HLH treatment to target IFN $\gamma$ , a **CENTRAL** and **UPSTREAM** cytokine in the pathogenesis of primary HLH<sup>1,3</sup>**

- Gamifant is a monoclonal antibody that **binds to and neutralizes IFN $\gamma$** <sup>1</sup>
- This therapy is the **first advance in a quarter century** for patients presenting with the life-threatening, inflammatory symptoms of primary HLH<sup>4,12</sup>

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# The Gamifant® (emapalumab-lzsg) pivotal trial represents an important milestone in the treatment of primary HLH<sup>1</sup>

PIVOTAL TRIAL DETAILS			
Type	Multicenter, open-label, single-arm study <sup>1</sup>		
No. of patients	34 (7/34 were treatment naïve) <sup>13</sup>		
Median no. of prior agents	3 <sup>1</sup>		
Median duration of Gamifant treatment	59 days (range 4-245 days) <sup>1</sup>		
BASELINE DEMOGRAPHICS (n = 27)			
Median age	1 year (range 0.2-13 years) <sup>1</sup>		
Female	52.9% <sup>13</sup>		
Male	47.1% <sup>13</sup>		
DISEASE ACTIVITY / RESPONSE TO CONVENTIONAL TREATMENTS <sup>a,13</sup>			
HLH reactivation:	15 (55.6%)		
• After at least partial response	13 (48.1%)		
• After incomplete response and intolerance to previous HLH therapy	2 (7.4%)		
HLH worsening:	5 (18.5%)		
• After partial response	1 (3.7%)		
• After incomplete response	2 (7.4%)		
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No response ever achieved	5 (18.5%)		
Intolerance to previous HLH therapy after incomplete response	2 (7.4%)		
PREVIOUS HLH REGIMEN <sup>b,13</sup>			
HLH-94 (dexamethasone, etoposide) <sup>c</sup>	10 (37%)	Dexamethasone + MPN + CsA	2 (7.4%)
HLH-2004 (dexamethasone, etoposide, CsA) <sup>d</sup>	9 (33.3%)	Dexamethasone + CsA	1 (3.7%)
HLH-HIT (dexamethasone, ATG and etoposide) <sup>e</sup>	4 (14.8%)	Dexamethasone > 10 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /day	1 (3.7%)

ATG, anti-thymocyte globulin; CsA, cyclosporine A; MPN, methylprednisolone.

<sup>a</sup>Patients who entered study with multiple reasons are presented in each reason

<sup>c</sup>1 patient also received MPN and anakinra; 1 patient also received alemtuzumab

<sup>d</sup>1 patient also received MPN and ATG

<sup>b</sup>Assigned based on the reported drugs the patient received

<sup>e</sup>1 patient also received CsA

- **Safety** was evaluated in 34 patients, 7 of whom were treatment naïve<sup>1</sup>
- **Efficacy** was evaluated in 27 pediatric patients who had already received conventional HLH therapy. Eighty-two percent of these patients had a genetically confirmed primary HLH diagnosis<sup>1</sup>

## Infusion-Related Reactions

Infusion-related reactions, including drug eruption, pyrexia, rash, erythema, and hyperhidrosis, were reported with Gamifant treatment in 27% of patients. In one-third of these patients, the infusion-related reaction occurred during the first infusion.

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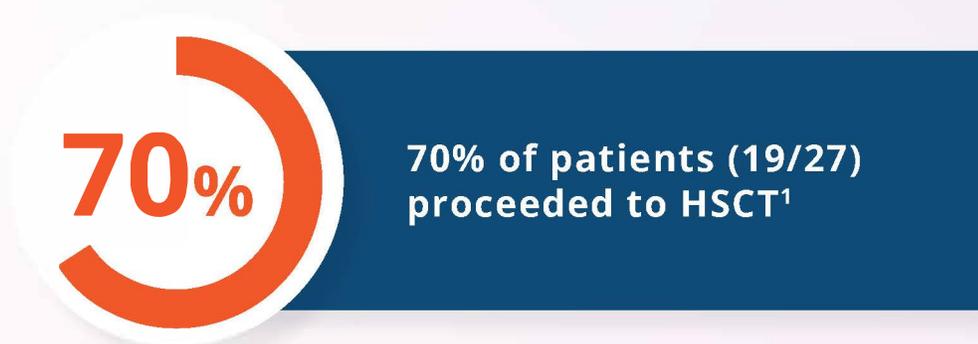


# Proven efficacy of a targeted therapy

**Gamifant® (emapalumab-lzsg) was shown to be effective treatment for primary HLH in patients with refractory, recurrent, or progressive disease or who were intolerant of conventional treatment.<sup>1</sup>**



- **Primary endpoint was overall response rate (ORR)** at the end of treatment, defined as achievement of either complete or partial response or HLH improvement<sup>1</sup>
- **ORR was evaluated using an algorithm** that included the following objective clinical and laboratory parameters: fever, splenomegaly, central nervous system symptoms, complete blood count, fibrinogen and/or D-dimer, ferritin, and soluble CD25 (also referred to as soluble interleukin-2 receptor) levels<sup>1</sup>
- **Median duration of first response**, defined as time from achievement of first response to loss of first response, was not reached<sup>1</sup>



- **Upon completion of the pivotal study**, 22 patients (81%) enrolled in the open-label extension study which monitored patients for up to 1 year after HSCT or after the last Gamifant infusion<sup>1</sup>

## Adverse Reactions

In the pivotal trial, the most commonly reported adverse reactions (≥10%) for Gamifant included infection (56%), hypertension (41%), infusion-related reactions (27%), pyrexia (24%), hypokalemia (15%), constipation (15%), rash (12%), abdominal pain (12%), CMV infection (12%), diarrhea (12%), lymphocytosis (12%), cough (12%), irritability (12%), tachycardia (12%), and tachypnea (12%).

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## The first step to access is completing the Gamifant Start Form

The Start Form enrolls your patient in Gamifant Patient Services and can be used to initiate a wide range of services and personalized support for you, your staff, your patients, and their caregivers, including:

- Insurance benefit verification
- Coordination of product orders
- Assessment of patient eligibility for financial assistance



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Gamifant® (emapalumab-lzsg) is supplied as a 10 mg/2 mL (5 mg/mL), 50 mg/10 mL (5 mg/mL), or 100 mg/20 mL (5 mg/mL) solution in single-dose vials. Gamifant offers flexibility of dosing and can be incrementally titrated upward or downward according to the clinician's assessment of patient response.<sup>1</sup>



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