

PRODUCT MONOGRAPH

INCLUDING PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION

<sup>Pr</sup>TARO-TOFACITINIB

Tofacitinib Tablets, oral

5 mg tofacitinib (as tofacitinib citrate)

10 mg tofacitinib (as tofacitinib citrate)

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## PART I: HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

### 1 INDICATIONS

- **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

TARO-TOFACITINIB (tofacitinib), in combination with methotrexate (MTX), is indicated for reducing the signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis (RA) in adult patients with moderately to severely active RA who have had an inadequate response to MTX and to one or more disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs).

In cases of intolerance to MTX and other DMARDs, physicians may consider the use of TARO-TOFACITINIB as monotherapy.

**Limitations of Use:** Use of TARO-TOFACITINIB in combination with biological DMARDs (bDMARDs) or potent immunosuppressants such as azathioprine and cyclosporine is not recommended.

- **Psoriatic Arthritis**

TARO-TOFACITINIB (tofacitinib), in combination with methotrexate (MTX) or another conventional synthetic disease-modifying antirheumatic drug (DMARD), is indicated for reducing the signs and symptoms of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) in adult patients with active PsA when the response to previous DMARD therapy has been inadequate.

**Limitations of Use:** Use of TARO-TOFACITINIB in combination with biological disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (bDMARDs) or potent immunosuppressants such as azathioprine and cyclosporine is not recommended.

- **Ulcerative Colitis**

TARO-TOFACITINIB (tofacitinib) is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis (UC) with an inadequate response, loss of response or intolerance to either conventional UC therapy or a TNF $\alpha$  inhibitor.

**Limitations of Use:** Use of TARO-TOFACITINIB in combination with biological UC therapies or with potent immunosuppressants such as azathioprine and cyclosporine is not recommended.

#### 1.1 Pediatrics

**Pediatrics (<18 years of age):** No data are available to Health Canada; therefore, Health Canada has not authorized an indication for pediatric use.

#### 1.2 Geriatrics

**Geriatrics (>65 years of age):** Evidence from clinical studies and experience suggests that use in the geriatric population is associated with differences in safety or effectiveness. The frequency of adverse events including serious infections, all-cause mortality, cardiovascular events, malignancies, non-melanoma skin cancer, gastrointestinal perforations, interstitial lung disease, venous thromboembolism, and arterial thromboembolism in tofacitinib-treated subjects 65 years of age and older was higher than among those under the age of 65. Therefore, caution should be used when treating geriatric patients with TARO-TOFACITINIB (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#), [4 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION](#) and [10 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY](#)).

### 2 CONTRAINDICATIONS

TARO-TOFACITINIB (tofacitinib) is contraindicated:

- In patients with known hypersensitivity to tofacitinib or ingredient in the formulation, including any non-medicinal ingredient, or component of the container. For a complete listing, see [6 DOSAGE FORMS, STRENGTHS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING](#).
- In patients with severe hepatic impairment (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).
- During pregnancy and breastfeeding (see [7.1.1 Pregnancy](#) and [7.1.2 Breast-feeding](#)).

### 3 SERIOUS WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS BOX

#### Serious Warnings and Precautions

##### SERIOUS INFECTIONS

Patients treated with tofacitinib are at increased risk for developing serious infections that may lead to hospitalization or death (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#) and [8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions](#)). Most patients who developed these infections were taking concomitant immunosuppressants such as methotrexate or corticosteroids.

If a serious infection develops, interrupt TARO-TOFACITINIB until the infection is controlled. Reported infections include:

- Active tuberculosis, which may present with pulmonary or extrapulmonary disease. Patients should be tested for latent tuberculosis before TARO-TOFACITINIB use and during therapy. Treatment for latent infection should be initiated prior to TARO-TOFACITINIB use.
- Invasive fungal infections, including cryptococcosis and pneumocystosis. Patients with invasive fungal infections may present with disseminated, rather than localized disease.
- Bacterial, viral, and other infections due to opportunistic pathogens.

Treatment with TARO-TOFACITINIB should not be initiated in patients with active infections including chronic or localized infection.

Patients should be closely monitored for the development of signs and symptoms of infection during and after treatment with TARO-TOFACITINIB, including the possible development of tuberculosis in patients who tested negative for latent tuberculosis infection prior to initiating therapy (see [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)).

##### MALIGNANCIES

Lymphoma and other malignancies have been observed in patients treated with tofacitinib. Epstein Barr Virus-associated post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder has been observed at an increased rate in renal transplant patients treated with tofacitinib and concomitant immunosuppressive medications. An increase in malignancies, including lung cancer, were observed in rheumatoid arthritis patients 50 years or older with at least one additional cardiovascular (CV) risk factor who were taking tofacitinib compared with TNF inhibitors (see [8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions](#)). Caution should be applied when using TARO-TOFACITINIB in geriatric patients, patients who are current or past smokers, and patients with other malignancy risk factors (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

##### THROMBOSIS

Rheumatoid arthritis patients with at least one CV risk factor had a higher rate of all-cause mortality and thrombosis, including pulmonary embolism, deep venous thrombosis, and arterial thrombosis, with tofacitinib 10 mg twice daily (BID) compared to those treated with 5

mg BID or TNF blockers. Many of these adverse events were serious and some resulted in death. Avoid TARO-TOFACITINIB in patients at risk of thrombosis. Discontinue TARO-TOFACITINIB and promptly evaluate patients with symptoms of thrombosis (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

For patients with ulcerative colitis (UC), use TARO-TOFACITINIB at the lowest effective dose and for the shortest duration needed to achieve/maintain therapeutic response (see [4 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION](#)).

#### **MAJOR ADVERSE CARDIOVASCULAR EVENTS**

Major adverse cardiovascular events, including non-fatal myocardial infarction, were observed more frequently with tofacitinib compared to TNF inhibitors in rheumatoid arthritis patients who were 50 years or older with at least one additional CV risk factor (see [8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions](#)). Caution should be applied when using TARO-TOFACITINIB in geriatric patients, patients who are current or past smokers, and patients with other CV risk factors (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

## **4 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **4.1 Dosing Considerations**

- Use of TARO-TOFACITINIB with other potent systemic immunosuppressants should be avoided. Combined use of TARO-TOFACITINIB with potent immunosuppressants or biologic DMARDs (tumor necrosis factor (TNF) antagonists, interleukin 1 receptor (IL-1R) antagonists, IL-6R antagonists, anti-CD20 monoclonal antibodies, IL-17 antagonists, IL-12/IL-23 antagonists and selective co-stimulation modulators) has not been studied in RA, PsA and UC patients. There is a risk of added immunosuppression when TARO-TOFACITINIB is coadministered with potent immunosuppressive drugs (e.g. azathioprine, tacrolimus, cyclosporine).
- TARO-TOFACITINIB should not be initiated in patients with an absolute neutrophil count (ANC) less than  $1 \times 10^9$  cells/L, hemoglobin (Hgb) levels  $<90$  g/L, or with a lymphocyte count less than  $0.5 \times 10^9$  cells/L (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).
- TARO-TOFACITINIB is contraindicated in patients with severe hepatic impairment; TARO-TOFACITINIB should not be used in patients with moderate hepatic impairment.

### **4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment**

#### **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

TARO-TOFACITINIB is to be used in combination with methotrexate.

TARO-TOFACITINIB, monotherapy may be considered in cases of intolerance to methotrexate and to one or more DMARDs.

The recommended dose of TARO-TOFACITINIB is 5 mg administered twice daily (BID).

A dosage of TARO-TOFACITINIB 10 mg BID is not recommended for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

#### **Psoriatic Arthritis**

The recommended dose of TARO-TOFACITINIB is 5 mg administered BID in combination with MTX or another csDMARD.

A dosage of TARO-TOFACITINIB 10 mg BID is not recommended for the treatment of psoriatic

arthritis (see [7 WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS, Thrombosis](#)).

### Ulcerative Colitis

The recommended dose is 10 mg given orally BID for induction for at least 8 weeks and 5 mg given BID for maintenance.

Depending on therapeutic response; 10 mg BID may also be used for maintenance in some patients. However, the lowest effective dose possible should be used for maintenance therapy to minimize adverse effects (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

TARO-TOFACITINIB induction therapy should be discontinued in patients who show no evidence of adequate therapeutic benefit by Week 16.

In patients who have responded to treatment with TARO-TOFACITINIB, corticosteroids may be cautiously reduced and/or discontinued in accordance with standard of care.

### Dose Interruption or Discontinuation due to Serious Infections and Cytopenias

- Avoid use of TARO-TOFACITINIB if a patient develops a serious infection until the infection is controlled.
- Dose interruption is recommended for management of anemia, lymphopenia, and neutropenia as described in Table 1 (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#) and [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)).

**Table 1: Laboratory measures and dose adjustment recommendations**

Laboratory Measure	Lab Value	Recommendation
Hemoglobin	<20 g/L decrease and ≥90 g/L	Maintain dose
	≥20 g/L decrease or <80 g/L (Confirmed by repeat testing)	Interrupt the administration of TARO-TOFACITINIB until hemoglobin values have normalized (above 80 g/L)
Absolute Neutrophil Count (ANC)	>1 x 10 <sup>9</sup> cells/L	Maintain dose
	0.5-1 x 10 <sup>9</sup> cells/L	For persistent decreases in this range, interrupt or reduce administration with TARO-TOFACITINIB until ANC is >1x 10 <sup>9</sup> cells/L <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For patients receiving TARO-TOFACITINIB 5 mg BID, interrupt TARO-TOFACITINIB dosing. When ANC is &gt;1 x 10<sup>9</sup> cells/L, resume TARO-TOFACITINIB 5 mg BID.</li> </ul> UC patients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For patients receiving TARO-TOFACITINIB 10 mg BID, reduce dose to TARO-TOFACITINIB 5 mg BID. When ANC is &gt;1 x 10<sup>9</sup> cells/L, increase to TARO-TOFACITINIB 10 mg BID based on clinical response.</li> </ul>
	<0.5 x 10 <sup>9</sup> cells/L (Confirmed by repeat testing)	Discontinue treatment with TARO-TOFACITINIB
Absolute Lymphocyte Count	≥ 0.5 x 10 <sup>9</sup> cells/L	Maintain dose
	< 0.5 x 10 <sup>9</sup> cells/L (Confirmed by repeat testing)	Discontinue TARO-TOFACITINIB

### Dose Modification in Patients with Renal or Hepatic Impairment, or Due to Drug Interactions

- Use TARO-TOFACITINIB with caution in patients with moderate (CLcr  $\geq$ 30 and  $<$ 60 mL/min) or severe (CLcr  $\geq$ 15 and  $<$ 30 mL/min) renal insufficiency (including patients with ESRD but not limited to those undergoing hemodialysis). Modified dosing is indicated in Table 2.
  - For patients undergoing hemodialysis, dose should be administered after the dialysis session on dialysis days. If a dose was taken before the dialysis procedure, supplemental doses are not recommended in patients after dialysis.
  - Patients with severe renal insufficiency should remain on a reduced dose even after hemodialysis.
- Use TARO-TOFACITINIB with caution in patients with moderate hepatic impairment. Modified dosing is indicated in Table 2.
- TARO-TOFACITINIB is not recommended in patients with moderate hepatic impairment or moderate to severe renal insufficiency; TARO-TOFACITINIB 5 mg once daily may be considered.
- Modified dosing of TARO-TOFACITINIB is recommended with concomitant CYP inhibitors as indicated in Table 3.
- Coadministration of potent inducers of CYP3A4 with TARO-TOFACITINIB is not recommended. Coadministration of potent inducers of CYP3A4 (e.g. rifampin) with TARO-TOFACITINIB may result in loss of efficacy or reduced clinical response to TARO-TOFACITINIB (see [9.4 Drug-Drug Interactions](#)).

**Table 2: Recommended dose adjustment of TARO-TOFACITINIB in patients with renal insufficiency or hepatic impairment**

Indicated dose (in normal renal/hepatic function)		TARO-TOFACITINIB	
		5 mg BID	10 mg BID
Modified dosing	Moderate Renal insufficiency (CLcr $\geq$ 30 and $<$ 60 mL/min)	5 mg once daily	5 mg BID
	Severe Renal insufficiency (CLcr $\geq$ 15 and $<$ 30 mL/min)	5 mg once daily	5 mg BID
	Moderate hepatic impairment	5 mg once daily	5 mg BID
	Severe hepatic impairment	Contraindicated	Contraindicated

**Table 3: Recommended dose adjustment of TARO-TOFACITINIB in patients with CYP modifiers**

Indicated dose		TARO-TOFACITINIB	
		5 mg BID	10 mg BID
Modified dosing	Patients receiving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potent CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g. ketoconazole), or</li> <li>• a moderate CYP3A4 inhibitor and a potent CYP2C19 inhibitor (e.g. fluconazole)</li> </ul>	5 mg once daily	5 mg BID
	Patients receiving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potent CYP3A4 inducers (e.g. rifampin)</li> </ul>	Not recommended	Not recommended



## Special Populations

**Geriatrics (>65 years):** No dosage adjustment is required in patients aged 65 years and older (see [7.1.4 Geriatrics](#) and [10 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY](#)).

**Pediatrics (<18 years of age):** Health Canada has not authorized an indication for pediatric use. No data are available regarding the safety and efficacy of tofacitinib in children aged from neonates to less than 18 years of age. Therefore TARO-TOFACITINIB should not be used in this patient population (see [1.1 Pediatrics](#), [7.1.3 Pediatrics](#) and [10 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY](#)).

### 4.4 Administration

TARO-TOFACITINIB is to be taken orally with or without food.

Swallow TARO-TOFACITINIB tablets whole and intact. Do not crush, split, or chew.

### 4.5 Missed Dose

For a missed dose, resume at the next scheduled dose.

## 5 OVERDOSAGE

There is no experience with overdose of tofacitinib. There is no specific antidote for overdose with tofacitinib. Treatment should be symptomatic and supportive. In case of an overdose, it is recommended that the patient be monitored for signs and symptoms of adverse reactions. Patients who develop adverse reactions should receive appropriate treatment.

Pharmacokinetic data up to and including a single dose of 100 mg in healthy volunteers indicates that more than 95% of the administered dose is expected to be eliminated within 24 hours.

For management of a suspected drug overdose, contact your regional poison control centre.

## 6 DOSAGE FORMS, STRENGTHS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING

Table 4 – Dosage Forms, Strengths, Composition and Packaging

Route of Administration	Dosage Form / Strength/ Composition	Nonmedicinal Ingredients
Oral	Tofacitinib tablets / 5 mg and 10 mg tofacitinib (as tofacitinib citrate)	Croscarmellose sodium, FD&C Blue#1 (in 10 mg tablets only), FD&C Blue#2 (in 10 mg tablets only), hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, titanium dioxide and triacetin.

### TARO-TOFACITINIB

**Tablet:** 5 mg tofacitinib (as tofacitinib citrate) -

White to off white, round, film coated tablets, debossed with “RX 13” on one side and plain on the other side.

HDPE bottles with child-resistant caps containing 60 and 180 film-coated tablets. Blister pack of 10’s (1 blister of 10’s count); Pack of 60’s blisters (6 blisters of 10 tablets in one box).

The tablet core contains Croscarmellose Sodium, Lactose Monohydrate, Magnesium Stearate, Microcrystalline Cellulose. The film-coat contains Hypromellose, Polyethylene Glycol, Titanium dioxide, Triacetin.

**Tablet:** 10 mg tofacitinib (as tofacitinib citrate) -

Blue, round, film-coated tablets, debossed with “RX 21” on one side, plain on the other side.

HDPE bottles with child-resistant caps containing 60 and 180 film-coated tablets.

Blister pack of 10’s (1 blister of 10’s count); Pack of 60’s blisters (6 blisters of 10 tablets in one box).

The tablet core contains: Croscarmellose Sodium, Lactose Monohydrate, Magnesium Stearate, Microcrystalline Cellulose. The film-coat contains: FD&C Blue#1, FD&C Blue#2, lactose monohydrate, hypromellose, polyethylene glycol, titanium dioxide, triacetin.

## 7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Please see [3 SERIOUS WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS BOX](#).

### General

#### Carcinogenesis and Mutagenesis

In patients treated with tofacitinib, malignancies were observed in clinical studies and the post-marketing setting including but not limited to: lymphomas, lung cancer, breast cancer, colorectal cancer, gastric cancer, melanoma, prostate cancer, pancreatic cancer, thyroid cancer and renal cell carcinoma (see [3 SERIOUS WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#) and [8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions](#)).

An increase in malignancies (excluding NMSC) was observed in patients treated with tofacitinib compared with TNF inhibitors in a post-authorization safety study (see [8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions](#)). Malignancies (excluding NMSC) were more common in geriatric patients and in patients who were current or past smokers.

Lung cancers were observed in patients treated with TARO-TOFACITINIB and an increased rate was observed in patients treated with TARO-TOFACITINIB 10 mg BID compared with TNF inhibitors in a post-authorization safety study. Patients with rheumatoid arthritis and taking tofacitinib may be at higher risk than the general population for the development of lung cancer.

Lymphomas were also observed in patients treated with tofacitinib in a post-authorization safety study (see [8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions](#)).

Caution should be used in treating geriatric patients, patients who are current or past smokers, and patients with other malignancy risk factors.

Consider the risks and benefits of TARO-TOFACITINIB treatment prior to initiating therapy in patients with current or a history of malignancy other than a successfully treated non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC) or when considering continuing TARO-TOFACITINIB in patients who develop a malignancy. Recommendations for NMSC are presented below.

#### Rheumatoid Arthritis

In the 5 controlled clinical studies, 5 malignancies (excluding NMSC) were diagnosed in patients receiving tofacitinib 5 mg BID, and 8 malignancies (excluding NMSC) were diagnosed in patients receiving tofacitinib 10 mg BID, compared to 0 malignancies (excluding NMSC) in patients in the

placebo/placebo plus DMARD group during the first 12 months. Lymphomas and solid cancers have also been observed in the long-term extension study in patients treated with tofacitinib (see [8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions](#)). Patients with RA particularly those with highly active disease, may be at a higher risk (several fold) than the general population for the development of lymphoma.

In Phase 2B, controlled dose-ranging trials in de-novo renal transplant patients, all of whom received induction therapy with basiliximab, high dose corticosteroids, and mycophenolic acid products, Epstein Barr Virus-associated post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder was observed in 5 out of 218 patients treated with tofacitinib (2.3%) compared to 0 out of 111 patients treated with cyclosporine.

### **Psoriatic Arthritis**

In the 2 controlled PsA clinical trials, there were 3 malignancies (excluding NMSC) in 474 patients receiving tofacitinib plus csDMARD (6 to 12 months exposure) compared with 0 malignancies in 236 patients in the placebo plus csDMARD group (3 months exposure) and 0 malignancies in 106 patients in the adalimumab plus DMARD group (12 months exposure). Malignancies have also been observed in the long-term extension study in PsA patients treated with tofacitinib.

### **Ulcerative Colitis**

In the 4 controlled clinical studies for ulcerative colitis (up to 52-week treatment), no malignancies (excluding NMSC) were reported with tofacitinib. In the long-term extension open-label study, malignancies (excluding NMSC) have been observed in patients treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID, including solid cancers and lymphoma.

**Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer:** Non-melanoma skin cancers (NMSCs) have been reported in patients treated with tofacitinib. NMSC is a dose related adverse reaction, with a greater risk in patients treated with 10 mg BID of tofacitinib than in patients treated with 5 mg BID. An increase in overall NMSCs, including cutaneous squamous cell carcinomas was observed in patients treated with tofacitinib compared to TNF inhibitors in a post-authorization safety study (see [8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions](#)). Caution should be used when treating geriatric patients and patients with a prior history of NMSC, where a higher incident of NMSC was observed. Periodic skin examination is recommended.

In the UC 52-week maintenance study, NMSC was reported in 3 patients (1.5%) treated with 10 mg BID, as compared with no reported events in patients treated with 5 mg BID and 1 patient (0.5%) treated with placebo. In the long-term open label extension study, NMSC was reported in 6 patients in the 10 mg BID group and 2 patients in the 5 mg BID group.

### **Cardiovascular**

**Heart Rate Decrease and PR Interval Prolongation:** Tofacitinib caused a decrease in heart rate and a prolongation of the PR interval (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS – Monitoring and Laboratory Tests](#) and [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)). Caution should be observed in patients with a low heart rate at baseline (<60 beats per minute), a history of syncope or arrhythmia, sick sinus syndrome, sinoatrial block, atrioventricular (AV) block, ischemic heart disease, or congestive heart failure. Concomitant medications that result in a decrease in heart rate and/or PR interval prolongation should be avoided to the extent possible during treatment with tofacitinib (see [9 DRUG INTERACTIONS](#)).

## Thrombosis

Thrombosis, including pulmonary embolism, deep venous thrombosis, and arterial thrombosis, was observed at an increased incidence in patients treated with tofacitinib in a post-authorization safety study. In this post-authorization safety study, patients treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID had a higher rate of all-cause mortality, including sudden CV death, and thrombosis compared to those treated with tofacitinib 5 mg given BID or TNF inhibitors. Many of these events were serious and some resulted in death (see [3 SERIOUS WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS BOX](#)).

In a long-term extension study in patients with ulcerative colitis (UC), four cases of pulmonary embolism were reported in patients taking tofacitinib 10 mg BID, including one death in a patient with advanced cancer.

A dosage of TARO-TOFACITINIB 10 mg BID is not recommended for the treatment of RA or PsA (see [4 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION](#)).

For the treatment of UC, use TARO-TOFACITINIB at the lowest effective dose and for the shortest duration needed to achieve/maintain therapeutic response (see [4 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION](#)).

Avoid tofacitinib in patients that may be at increased risk of thrombosis. Discontinue TARO-TOFACITINIB and promptly evaluate patients with symptoms of thrombosis.

## Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events (including Myocardial Infarction)

Major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE), including events of myocardial infarction, were observed in patients treated with tofacitinib 5 mg BID, tofacitinib 10 mg BID or TNF inhibitors in a post-authorization safety study. An increase in non-fatal myocardial infarctions was observed in patients treated with tofacitinib compared to TNF inhibitor (see [8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions](#)). MACE, including events of myocardial infarction, were more common in geriatric patients and in patients who were current or past smokers (see [3 SERIOUS WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)). Caution should be used in treating geriatric patients, patients who are current or past smokers, and patients with other CV risk factors.

## Driving and Operating Machinery

No formal studies have been conducted on the effects on the ability to drive and use machines.

## Fractures

Fractures of multiple types, including osteoporotic fractures, have been observed in patients treated with tofacitinib in clinical studies and the postmarketing setting (see [8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions](#)).

Caution should be applied when using tofacitinib in patients with known risk factors for fractures such as geriatric patients, female patients, and patients using corticosteroids.

## Gastrointestinal

Events of gastrointestinal perforation have been reported with tofacitinib in RA patients, in clinical trials and in the post-market setting. The role of JAK inhibition in these events is not known. Many patients who developed gastrointestinal perforations were taking concomitant nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and/or corticosteroids. The relative contribution of these concomitant medications versus tofacitinib to the development of gastrointestinal perforations is not known.

There was no discernable difference in frequency of gastrointestinal perforation between the placebo and the tofacitinib arms in clinical trials of patients with UC, and many of them were receiving background corticosteroids.

TARO-TOFACITINIB should be used with caution in patients who may be at increased risk for gastrointestinal perforation (e.g., use of concomitant NSAIDs and/or corticosteroids, patients with a history of diverticulitis). Patients presenting with new onset abdominal symptoms should be evaluated promptly for early identification of gastrointestinal perforation (see [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)).

### **Hematologic**

**Anemia:** Treatment with TARO-TOFACITINIB has been associated with decreases in hemoglobin levels. Evaluate hemoglobin prior to initiation of TARO-TOFACITINIB (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS – Monitoring and Laboratory Tests](#) and [4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment](#)). Avoid initiation of TARO-TOFACITINIB treatment in patients with low hemoglobin values (i.e., <90 g/L). Treatment with TARO-TOFACITINIB should be interrupted in patients who develop hemoglobin levels <80 g/L or whose hemoglobin level drops >20 g/L on treatment.

For recommended monitoring and dose modification based on hemoglobin results, see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS – Monitoring and Laboratory Tests](#) and [4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment](#).

**Lymphopenia:** Treatment with tofacitinib was associated with initial lymphocytosis at one month of exposure followed by a gradual decrease in mean lymphocyte counts below the baseline of approximately 10% during 12 months of therapy. Lymphocyte counts less than  $0.5 \times 10^9$  cells/L were associated with an increased incidence of treated and serious infections. Evaluate lymphocyte count prior to initiation of TARO-TOFACITINIB approximately 4-8 weeks after initiation with TARO-TOFACITINIB treatment, and every 3 months thereafter.

Avoid initiation of TARO-TOFACITINIB treatment in patients with a low lymphocyte count (i.e., less than  $0.5 \times 10^9$  cells/L). In patients who develop a confirmed absolute lymphocyte count less than  $0.5 \times 10^9$  cells/L, TARO-TOFACITINIB should be discontinued.

For recommended monitoring and dose modifications based on lymphocyte counts see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS – Monitoring and Laboratory Tests](#) and [4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment](#).

**Neutropenia:** Treatment with tofacitinib was associated with an increased incidence of neutropenia (< $2 \times 10^9$  cells/L) compared to placebo. Evaluate neutrophil count prior to initiation of TARO-TOFACITINIB approximately 4-8 weeks after initiation with TARO-TOFACITINIB treatment, and every 3 months thereafter.

Avoid initiation of TARO-TOFACITINIB treatment in patients with a low neutrophil count (i.e., ANC (absolute neutrophil count) < $1 \times 10^9$  cells/L). For patients who develop a persistent ANC of 0.5 to  $1 \times 10^9$  cells/L, interrupt dosing until ANC is > $1 \times 10^9$  cells/L. In patients who develop an absolute neutrophil count < $0.5 \times 10^9$  cells/L, discontinue treatment.

For recommended monitoring and dose modification based on ANC, see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS – Monitoring and Laboratory Tests](#) and [4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment](#).

**Lipid Elevations:** Treatment with tofacitinib was associated with increases in lipid parameters including total cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, and high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol (see [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)).

Maximum effects were generally observed within 6 weeks. The effect of these lipid parameter elevations on cardiovascular morbidity and mortality has not been determined.

Assessment of lipid parameters should be performed at baseline and approximately 4-8 weeks following initiation of TARO-TOFACITINIB therapy, and every 6 months thereafter (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS – Monitoring and Laboratory Tests](#)). Patients should be managed according to local clinical guidelines for the management of hyperlipidemia.

### **Hepatic/Biliary/Pancreatic**

TARO-TOFACITINIB is contraindicated in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

Treatment with tofacitinib was associated with an increased incidence of liver enzyme elevation compared to placebo (see [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)).

Evaluate liver enzymes before initiating TARO-TOFACITINIB and thereafter according to routine patient management (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS – Monitoring and Laboratory Tests](#)). Prompt investigation of the causes of liver enzyme elevations is recommended to identify potential cases of drug-induced liver injury (DILI). If increases in ALT (alanine transaminase) or AST (aspartate transaminase) are observed and DILI is suspected, the administration of TARO-TOFACITINIB should be interrupted until the diagnosis is excluded.

Most of the liver enzyme abnormalities in RA and PsA patients occurred in studies with background DMARD (primarily methotrexate) therapy.

One case of DILI was reported in a RA patient treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID for approximately 2.5 months. The patient developed symptomatic elevations of AST and ALT with values greater than 3x ULN associated concurrently with total bilirubin value greater than 2x ULN, which required hospitalization and a liver biopsy.

In UC patients, tofacitinib treatment with 5 and 10 mg BID was also associated with an increased incidence of liver enzyme elevation compared to placebo, with a trend for higher incidence with the 10 mg BID as compared to the 5 mg BID (see [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)).

One patient treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID in the maintenance UC study experienced an increase in liver enzymes which decreased upon discontinuation of treatment. The case was adjudicated as possible DILI, while noting ultrasound findings of fatty liver.

The impact of tofacitinib on chronic viral hepatitis reactivation is unknown. Tofacitinib has not been studied in patients with positive hepatitis B virus or hepatitis C virus serology and should therefore not be used in these populations.

Tofacitinib has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment and should not be used in these patients. Dose adjustment of TARO-TOFACITINIB is recommended for patients with moderate hepatic impairment (see [4 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION](#) and [10 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY](#)).

### **Immune**

**Hypersensitivity Reactions:** Reactions such as angioedema and urticaria that may reflect drug

hypersensitivity have been observed in patients treated with tofacitinib. Some events were serious. If a hypersensitivity reaction is suspected, promptly discontinue tofacitinib while evaluating the potential cause or causes of the reaction (see [2 CONTRAINDICATIONS](#) and [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)).

**Immunocompromised Patients:** Tofacitinib can increase the risk of infections and immunosuppression when co-administered with potent immunosuppressants such as cyclosporine, azathioprine and tacrolimus. Combined use of tofacitinib with potent immunosuppressive drugs has not been studied and is not recommended (see [9.4 Drug-Drug Interactions](#)).

**Immunizations:** No data are available on the secondary transmission of infection by live vaccines to patients receiving tofacitinib. It is recommended that all patients be brought up to date with all immunizations in agreement with current immunization guidelines prior to initiating TARO-TOFACITINIB therapy and that live vaccines not be given concurrently with TARO-TOFACITINIB. The interval between live vaccinations and initiation of TARO-TOFACITINIB therapy should be in accordance with current vaccination guidelines regarding immunomodulatory agents.

In patients being considered for TARO-TOFACITINIB therapy, live zoster vaccine should only be administered to patients with a known history of chickenpox or those that are seropositive for varicella zoster virus. Vaccination should occur at least 2 weeks but preferably 4 weeks before initiating immunomodulatory agents such as TARO-TOFACITINIB.

In a clinical trial, a varicella naïve patient treated with tofacitinib and methotrexate developed disseminated infection with the vaccine strain of the varicella zoster virus 16 days after vaccination. A satisfactory immune response to the vaccine was developed 6 weeks post-vaccination.

Antibody levels after vaccination may be lower in patients treated with tofacitinib (see [10.2 Pharmacodynamics](#)).

**Infections:** Serious and sometimes fatal infections due to bacterial, mycobacterial, invasive fungal, viral, or other opportunistic pathogens have been reported in RA patients receiving immunomodulatory agents, including tofacitinib. The most common serious infections reported with tofacitinib included pneumonia, urinary tract infection, cellulitis, herpes zoster, bronchitis, septic shock, diverticulitis, gastroenteritis, appendicitis and sepsis. Among opportunistic infections, tuberculosis and other mycobacterial infections, cryptococcus, histoplasmosis, esophageal candidiasis, pneumocystosis, multidermatomal herpes zoster, cytomegalovirus infections, BK virus infections, listeriosis and aspergillosis were reported with tofacitinib (see [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)). Some patients have presented with disseminated rather than localized disease and were often taking concomitant immunomodulating agents such as methotrexate or corticosteroids. Other serious infections that were not reported in clinical studies may also occur (e.g., coccidioidomycosis).

A dose dependent increase in serious infections was observed in patients treated with tofacitinib compared to TNF inhibitors in a post-authorization safety study (see [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)). Some of these serious infections resulted in death. Opportunistic infections were also reported in the study.

Patients treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID are at higher risk of serious infections, and herpes

zoster infections compared to those treated with 5 mg BID. The incidence rate per 100 person-years (PYs) for herpes zoster opportunistic infections in the UC 52-week maintenance study was higher in patients treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID (6.64) as compared to tofacitinib 5 mg BID (2.05) or placebo (0.97) (see [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)).

TARO-TOFACITINIB should not be administered in patients with an active infection, including localized infections. The risks and benefits of treatment should be considered prior to initiating TARO-TOFACITINIB in patients:

- with chronic or recurrent infections,
- who have been exposed to tuberculosis,
- with a history of a serious or an opportunistic infection,
- who have resided or travelled in areas of endemic tuberculosis or endemic mycoses; or
- with underlying conditions that may predispose them to infection.

Patients should be closely monitored for the development of signs and symptoms of infection during and after treatment with TARO-TOFACITINIB. TARO-TOFACITINIB should be interrupted if a patient develops a serious infection, an opportunistic infection, or sepsis. A patient who develops a new infection during treatment with TARO-TOFACITINIB should undergo prompt and complete diagnostic testing appropriate for an immunocompromised patient, appropriate antimicrobial therapy should be initiated, and the patient should be closely monitored.

As there is a higher incidence of infections in the geriatric and in the diabetic populations in general, caution should be used when treating geriatric patients and patients with diabetes. Caution is also recommended in patients with a history of chronic lung disease as they may be more prone to infections. Events of interstitial lung disease (some of which had a fatal outcome) have been reported in RA patients treated with tofacitinib in clinical trials and in the post-marketing setting.

Risk of infection may be higher with increasing degrees of lymphopenia and consideration should be given to lymphocyte counts when assessing individual patient risk of infection (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS – Monitoring and Laboratory Tests](#)).

Treatment with tofacitinib was associated with increased rates of infections in Asian patients compared to other races (see [7.1.5 Asian Patients](#) and [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)). TARO-TOFACITINIB should be used with caution in this population.

#### *Tuberculosis*

Patients should be evaluated and tested for latent or active tuberculosis (TB) infection prior to administration of TARO-TOFACITINIB and periodically (e.g., annually) while taking TARO-TOFACITINIB.

TARO-TOFACITINIB should not be given to patients with active TB.

Antituberculosis therapy should also be considered prior to administration of TARO-TOFACITINIB in patients with a past history of latent or active tuberculosis in whom an adequate course of treatment cannot be confirmed, and for patients with a negative test for latent tuberculosis but have risk factors for tuberculosis infection.

Patients with latent tuberculosis should be treated with standard antimycobacterial therapy before administering TARO-TOFACITINIB.



Patients should be closely monitored for the development of signs and symptoms of tuberculosis, including patients who tested negative for latent tuberculosis infection prior to initiating therapy.

#### *Viral Reactivation*

Viral reactivation, including cases of herpes virus reactivation (e.g., herpes zoster) were observed in clinical studies with tofacitinib. An increase in herpes zoster events was observed in patients treated with tofacitinib compared to TNF inhibitors in a post-authorization safety study (see [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)). Post-marketing cases of hepatitis B reactivation have been reported in patients treated with tofacitinib (see [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)). The impact of tofacitinib on chronic viral hepatitis reactivation is unknown. Patients who screened positive for hepatitis B or C were excluded from clinical trials. Screening for viral hepatitis should be performed in accordance with clinical guidelines before starting therapy with TARO-TOFACITINIB.

#### **Monitoring and Laboratory Tests**

**Lipid tests** should be performed at baseline, approximately 4-8 weeks after initiation with TARO-TOFACITINIB and every 6 months thereafter. Patients should be managed according to clinical guidelines for the management of hyperlipidemia (see [4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment](#) and [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

**Liver enzyme tests** are recommended before initiating TARO-TOFACITINIB treatment and thereafter according to routine patient management. If increases in ALT or AST are observed during routine patient management and DILI is suspected, the administration of TARO-TOFACITINIB should be interrupted until this diagnosis has been excluded (see [4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment](#) and [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

**Assessment of renal function** is recommended prior to initiation of TARO-TOFACITINIB (see [4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment](#) and [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

**Lymphocyte, neutrophil and hemoglobin tests** should be performed at baseline, approximately 4-8 weeks after initiation with TARO-TOFACITINIB treatment, and every 3 months thereafter (see [4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment](#) and [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

**Vital signs:** Patients should be monitored for pulse rate and blood pressure at baseline and periodically during treatment with TARO-TOFACITINIB (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS – Cardiovascular](#), [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#), and [9.4 Drug-Drug Interactions DRUG INTERACTIONS](#)).

#### **Musculoskeletal**

Treatment with tofacitinib was associated with increases in creatine kinase (CK). Maximum effects were generally observed within 6 months. Rhabdomyolysis was reported in one patient treated with tofacitinib. Creatine kinase levels should be checked in patients with symptoms of muscle weakness and/or muscle pain to evaluate for evidence of rhabdomyolysis. Increases in CK were reported more frequently in patients treated with tofacitinib 10 mg as compared to those treated with 5 mg BID (see [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)).

#### **Renal**

Dosage adjustment of TARO-TOFACITINIB is recommended in patients with moderate and severe renal impairment (see [4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment](#), and [10 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY](#)). In clinical trials, tofacitinib was not evaluated in patients with baseline creatinine clearance values (estimated by the Cockcroft-Gault equation) less than 40 mL/min.

## Reproductive Health: Female and Male Potential

- **Fertility:** Based on findings in animal studies, TARO-TOFACITINIB may cause decreased fertility when administered to females (see [16 NON-CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY](#)).
- **Teratogenic Risk:** Based on findings in animal studies, TARO-TOFACITINIB may cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman (see [2 CONTRAINDICATIONS](#)). Administration of tofacitinib to rats and rabbits during organogenesis caused increases in fetal malformations (see [16 NON-CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY](#)). Pregnant women should be advised of the potential risk to a fetus. Females of reproductive potential should be advised to use effective contraception during treatment with TARO-TOFACITINIB and for 4 to 6 weeks following completion of therapy (see [7.1.1 Pregnant Women](#)).

## Respiratory

**Interstitial Lung Disease:** Events of interstitial lung disease (ILD) have been reported in RA clinical trials with tofacitinib, although the role of JAK inhibition in these events is not known. All patients who developed ILD were taking concomitant methotrexate, corticosteroids and/or sulfasalazine, which have been associated with ILD. Asian patients had an increased risk of ILD (see [7.1.5 Asian Patients](#)).

TARO-TOFACITINIB should be used with caution in patients with a risk or history of ILD.

## 7.1 Special Populations

### 7.1.1 Pregnant Women

TARO-TOFACITINIB is contraindicated during pregnancy (see [2 CONTRAINDICATIONS](#)). There are no adequate and well-controlled studies on the use of tofacitinib in pregnant women. Tofacitinib has been shown to be teratogenic in rats and rabbits, and have effects in rats on female fertility, parturition, and peri/postnatal development (see [16 NON-CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY](#)).

Women of reproductive potential should be advised to use effective contraception during TARO-TOFACITINIB treatment and for 4 to 6 weeks after the last dose.

### 7.1.2 Breast-feeding

TARO-TOFACITINIB is contraindicated in women who breastfeed (see [2 CONTRAINDICATIONS](#)). Tofacitinib was secreted in milk of lactating rats. It is not known whether tofacitinib is excreted in human milk. (see [16 NON-CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY](#)).

### 7.1.3 Pediatrics

Pediatrics (<18 years of age): No data are available to Health Canada; therefore, Health Canada has not authorized an indication for pediatric use.

### 7.1.4 Geriatrics

Geriatrics (>65 years of age): The frequency of adverse events including serious infections, all-cause mortality, cardiovascular events, malignancies, non-melanoma skin cancer, gastrointestinal perforations, interstitial lung disease, venous thromboembolism, and arterial thromboembolism among tofacitinib treated subjects 65 years of age and older was higher than among those under the age of 65. Caution should be used when treating geriatric patients with TARO-TOFACITINIB (see [4 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION](#) and [10 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY](#)).

### 7.1.5 Asian Patients

Asian patients have an increased risk of herpes zoster and opportunistic infections. Asian patients

with RA also have an increased risk of ILD. An increased incidence of some adverse events such as elevated transaminases (ALT, AST) and decreased white blood cells (WBCs) were also observed. Therefore, TARO-TOFACITINIB should be used with caution in Asian patients (see [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)).

## 8 ADVERSE REACTIONS

### 8.1 Adverse Reaction Overview

#### Rheumatoid Arthritis

During controlled clinical trials, 8.0% (11.0 events/100 patient-years) of patients in the 5 mg BID in the tofacitinib group were hospitalized due to serious adverse reactions compared to 7.8% (9.1 events/100 patient-years) and 3.8% (13.0 events/100 patient-years) of patients in the adalimumab and placebo group, respectively.

The most common serious adverse reactions (SAEs) were osteoarthritis and serious infections, including pneumonia, cellulitis, herpes zoster, and urinary tract infection. During the first 3 months of Phase 3 studies, serious infections (those requiring parenteral antibiotics or hospitalization) were reported in 0.7% (2.8 events/100 patient-years) and 0.2% (0.6 events/100 patient-years) of patients treated with tofacitinib or placebo, respectively. From 0-12 months, serious infections were reported in 2.4% (3.2 events/100 patient-years) of tofacitinib treated patients (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)). In a post-authorization safety study, the frequency of pulmonary embolism was increased in patients treated with 10 mg BID tofacitinib (1.65%) compared to the TNF inhibitor (0.21%) and 5 mg BID tofacitinib (0.62%).

Deaths occurred in 0.4% (0.6 events/100 patient-years) of patients in the 5 mg BID tofacitinib group, compared to 0.5% (0.6 events/100 patient-years) and 0.2% (0.5 events/100 patient-years) of patients in the adalimumab and placebo groups, respectively. In a post-authorization safety study, all cause mortality was increased in patients treated with 10 mg BID tofacitinib (2.7%) compared to the TNF inhibitor (1.2%) and 5 mg BID tofacitinib treatment arms (1.8%).

The most commonly reported adverse reactions during the first 3 months in controlled clinical trials (occurring in  $\geq 2\%$  of patients treated with tofacitinib monotherapy or in combination with DMARDs) were upper respiratory tract infections, headache, nasopharyngitis, and diarrhea. Additionally, bronchitis, urinary tract infection, herpes zoster, RA, back pain and hypertension were also reported in the 5 mg BID tofacitinib group in the long-term extension trial.

The proportion of patients who discontinued treatment due to any adverse reactions during the first 3 months in double-blind placebo-controlled studies was 7.8% for patients taking 5 mg BID of tofacitinib and 3.7% for placebo-treated patients. In the long-term extension trial, the proportion of patients who discontinued treatment due to any adverse reaction was 24.8% (6.78 events/100 patient-years) for all patients, 27.9% (6.67 events/100 patient-years) for patients taking 5 mg BID of tofacitinib, and 23.8% (6.83 events/100 patient-years) for patients taking 10 mg BID of tofacitinib. The most common adverse reactions that resulted in discontinuation of tofacitinib were infections. Pneumonia was the most common adverse reactions leading to discontinuation of therapy, followed by blood creatinine increased and herpes zoster.

Following completion of the Phase 2/3, open-label, uncontrolled, long-term extension follow-up trial (up to 114 months) from the Phase 2 studies and Phase 3 clinical program, there were 4040 subjects with 16113 patient-years of exposure to tofacitinib. The design of the long-term

safety studies allowed for modification of tofacitinib doses according to clinical judgment. This limits the interpretation of the long-term safety data with respect to dose. Tofacitinib 10 mg BID is not recommended in RA patients. Overall, the safety profile of tofacitinib 5 mg BID in the long-term extension study was comparable to what was seen in the controlled clinical trials.

Asian patients had higher rates of herpes zoster, opportunistic infections, elevated transaminases (ALT, AST) and decreased WBCs. Asian patients with RA also have an increased risk of ILD (see [7.1.5 Asian Patients](#)). Therefore, TARO-TOFACITINIB should be used with caution in Asian patients.

### **Psoriatic Arthritis**

The safety data includes 2 double-blind, controlled, multicenter studies: study PsA-I (A3921091) with a 12-month duration and study PsA-II (A3921125) with a 6-month duration; both included a 3-month placebo-controlled period. All patients in the clinical studies were required to receive treatment with a stable dose of a csDMARD. An additional long-term, open-label clinical study was conducted and included patients with PsA who originally participated in either of the 2 double-blind, controlled clinical studies.

A total of 783 patients were treated with any dose of tofacitinib in PsA clinical studies resulting in 1238 patient-years of exposure. Of these, 635 patients were exposed to tofacitinib for at least one year.

The most common serious adverse reactions were serious infections. The most commonly reported adverse reactions ( $\geq 2\%$ ) in patients treated with tofacitinib 5 mg BID during the first 3 months in placebo-controlled clinical studies were bronchitis, diarrhea, dyspepsia, headache, nasopharyngitis, nausea.

The proportion of patients who discontinued treatment due to any adverse reactions during the first 3-months of the double-blind placebo-controlled studies was 3.2% for tofacitinib-treated patients and 2.5% for placebo-treated patients.

Overall, the safety profile observed in patients with active PsA treated with tofacitinib was consistent with the safety profile observed in patients with RA treated with tofacitinib.

### **Ulcerative Colitis**

Four randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled studies and one open-label study were conducted in patients with moderately to severely active UC: two similar 8-week pivotal Phase 3 induction studies (OCTAVE Induction 1 and 2), one 52-week pivotal Phase 3 maintenance study (OCTAVE Sustain), and one dose-ranging Phase 2 induction study (A3921063). A long-term open-label uncontrolled extensions study was also conducted (see [14.1 Clinical trials by Indication](#)). In the 52-week OCTAVE Sustain study, 99 patients were treated with 5 mg BID and 113 patients with 10 mg BID for 52 weeks.

In the induction studies, the most common categories of serious adverse events were gastrointestinal disorders and infections. The most common serious adverse events (excluding events reported as UC) were abdominal pain, anal abscess, and drug hypersensitivity. The most common adverse events ( $\geq 5\%$ ) were headache and nasopharyngitis.

In the maintenance study, the most common categories of serious adverse events were gastrointestinal disorders, infections, injuries, and nervous system disorders. All serious adverse events were single reports (excluding events reported as UC). The most common adverse

events (≥5%) (excluding events reported as UC) in patients treated with 5 mg BID were nasopharyngitis, arthralgia, headache, and upper respiratory tract infection. In patients treated with 10 mg BID, the most common adverse events were nasopharyngitis, arthralgia, blood creatine phosphokinase increased, upper respiratory tract infection, rash, hypercholesterolemia, and herpes zoster.

In induction studies, adverse events were reported in 515 subjects (54.9%) treated with 10 mg BID and 155 subjects (55.0%) treated with placebo. In the maintenance study, adverse events were reported in 143 subjects (72.2%) treated with 5 mg BID, 156 subjects (79.6%) treated with 10 mg BID, and 149 subjects (75.3%) treated with placebo.

In induction and maintenance studies, the most frequent reason for study discontinuation was worsening of UC. Excluding discontinuations due to worsening of UC, the proportion of patients who discontinued due to adverse reactions was less than 5% in any of the tofacitinib or placebo treatment groups in these studies.

Four cases of pulmonary embolism were reported in patients taking tofacitinib 10 mg BID.

Overall, the safety profile observed in UC patients treated with tofacitinib was consistent with the safety profile of tofacitinib across indications. Dose-dependent risks seen in patients treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID in comparison with 5 mg BID include the following: herpes zoster infections, serious infections, and NMSC.

## 8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions

*Clinical trials are conducted under very specific conditions. The adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials; therefore, may not reflect the rates observed in practice and should not be compared to the rates in the clinical trials of another drug. Adverse reaction information from clinical trials may be useful in identifying and approximating rates of adverse drug reactions in real-world use.*

### Rheumatoid Arthritis

Table 5 below lists the adverse events (regardless of causality) occurring in ≥1% of patients treated with tofacitinib during the double-blind, placebo-controlled portion of the Phase 3 RA studies.

**Table 5: Summary of Adverse Events Reported by ≥1% of RA Patients Treated with Tofacitinib (All Causalities) - All Phase 3 Studies (up to 3 months)**

Body System/Adverse Event	Tofacitinib 5mg BID N=1216 (%)	Placebo N=681 (%)	Adalimumab 40 mg SC q2w N=204 (%)
<b>Blood and lymphatic system disorders</b>			
Anemia	15 (1.2)	8 (1.2)	0
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>			
Diarrhoea	45 (3.7)	16 (2.3)	2 (1.0)
Nausea	32 (2.6)	18 (2.6)	3 (1.5)
Dyspepsia	19 (1.6)	11 (1.6)	3 (1.5)
Abdominal pain upper	23 (1.9)	5 (0.7)	3 (1.5)
Vomiting	21 (1.7)	10 (1.5)	0
Constipation	16 (1.3)	6 (0.9)	2 (1.0)
Gastritis	12 (1.0)	7 (1.0)	0
Gastroenteritis	12 (1.0)	5 (0.7)	0
<b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b>			
Oedema peripheral	17 (1.4)	16 (2.3)	3 (1.5)

Body System/Adverse Event	Tofacitinib 5mg BID N=1216 (%)	Placebo N=681 (%)	Adalimumab 40 mg SC q2w N=204 (%)
Pyrexia	13 (1.1)	5 (0.7)	1 (0.5)
<b>Infections and infestations</b>			
Upper respiratory tract infection	53 (4.4)	23 (3.4)	7 (3.4)
Nasopharyngitis	48 (3.9)	19 (2.8)	7 (3.4)
Urinary tract infection	25 (2.1)	12 (1.8)	7 (3.4)
Bronchitis	14 (1.2)	10 (1.5)	4 (2.0)
<b>Investigations</b>			
Alanine aminotransferase increased	14 (1.2)	7 (1.0)	1 (0.5)
<b>Metabolism and nutrition disorders</b>			
Hypercholesterolaemia	12 (1.0)	3 (0.4)	1 (0.5)
<b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b>			
Rheumatoid arthritis	17 (1.4)	17 (2.5)	1 (0.5)
Back pain	18 (1.5)	5 (0.7)	1 (0.5)
Arthralgia	13 (1.1)	16 (2.3)	4 (2.0)
<b>Nervous system disorders</b>			
Headache	54 (4.4)	15 (2.2)	5 (2.5)
Dizziness	13 (1.1)	8 (1.2)	3 (1.5)
<b>Vascular disorders</b>			
Hypertension	20 (1.6)	7 (1.0)	0

### Psoriatic Arthritis

The incidence rates and types of adverse drug reactions reported in the two controlled Phase 3 PsA clinical studies were generally similar to those reported in RA Phase 3 clinical studies.

### Ulcerative Colitis

Table 6 below lists adverse drug reactions reported by ≥1% of patients treated with tofacitinib–UC Phase 2 and Phase 3 Induction Studies

**Table 6: Summary of Adverse Drug Reactions (adverse events for which there is evidence of causality) Reported by ≥1% of Patients Treated with Tofacitinib – UC Phase 2 and Phase 3 Induction Studies (up to 8 weeks)**

Body System <sup>±</sup> /Adverse Drug Reaction	Tofacitinib 10 mg BID N=938 (%)	Placebo N=282 (%)
Subjects with one or more ADR	494 (52.7)	130 (46.1)
<b>Blood and lymphatic system disorders</b>		
Anemia	22 (2.3)	9 (3.2)
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>		
Nausea	28 (3.0)	11 (3.9)
Abdominal pain	25 (2.7)	11 (3.9)
Vomiting	9 (1.0)	3 (1.1)
Dyspepsia	12 (1.3)	1(0.4)
<b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b>		
Fatigue	17 (1.8)	5 (1.8)
Pyrexia	24 (2.6)	4 (1.4)
<b>Infections and infestations</b>		
Nasopharyngitis	56 (6.0)	14 (5.0)

Body System <sup>±</sup> /Adverse Drug Reaction	Tofacitinib 10 mg BID N=938 (%)	Placebo N=282 (%)
Influenza	9 (1.0)	3 (1.1)
Urinary tract infection	11 (1.2)	1 (0.4)
Pharyngitis	10 (1.1)	1 (0.4)
<b>Investigations</b>	65 (6.9)	4 (1.4)
Blood creatine phosphokinase increased	25 (2.7)	3 (1.1)
Elevated cholesterol levels*	31 (3.3)	0
<b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b>	33 (3.5)	12 (4.3)
Arthralgia	27 (2.9)	12 (4.3)
<b>Nervous system disorders</b>	77 (8.2)	20 (7.1)
Headache	73 (7.8)	19 (6.7)
<b>Respiratory</b>	14 (1.5)	8 (2.8)
Cough	13 (1.4)	7 (2.5)
<b>Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders</b>	18 (1.9)	9 (3.2)
Rash	12 (1.3)	2 (0.7)
<b>Vascular disorders</b>	9 (1.0)	1 (0.4)
Hypertension	9 (1.0)	1 (0.4)

\* includes: hypercholesterolemia, hyperlipidemia, blood cholesterol increased, dyslipidemia, blood triglycerides increased, low density lipoprotein increased, low density lipoprotein abnormal, or lipids increased.

± the total number of subjects with adverse reactions and the total number of subjects with adverse reactions for each body system include all adverse drug reactions (those reported by ≥1% of subjects treated with tofacitinib and those reported by <1% of subjects treated with tofacitinib); the total also includes some subjects who reported more than one adverse drug reaction (which inflates the percentage).

**Table 7: Summary of Adverse Drug Reactions (adverse events for which there is evidence of causality) Reported by ≥1% of Patients Treated with Tofacitinib – UC Phase 3 Maintenance Study (up to 12 months)**

Body System <sup>±</sup> /Adverse Drug Reaction	Tofacitinib 5mg BID N=198 (%)	Tofacitinib 10mg BID N=196 (%)	Placebo N=198 (%)
Subjects with one or more ADR (%)	166 (83.8)	207 (100)	153 (77.3)
<b>Blood and lymphatic system disorders</b>	9 (4.5)	5 (2.6)	3 (1.5)
Anemia	8(4.0)	4 (2.0)	3 (1.5)
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>	16 (8.1)	32 (16.3)	26 (13.1)
Diarrhea	3 (1.5)	9 (4.6)	5 (2.5)
Nausea	1 (0.5)	8 (4.1)	5 (2.5)
Abdominal pain	5 (2.5)	7 (3.6)	11 (5.6)
Vomiting	3 (1.5)	6 (3.1)	2 (1.0)
Dyspepsia	4 (2.0)	1 (0.5)	2 (1.0)
<b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b>	12 (6.1)	11 (5.6)	17 (8.6)
Fatigue	8 (4.0)	4 (2.0)	11 (5.6)
Pyrexia	3 (1.5)	6 (3.1)	5 (2.5)
<b>Infections and infestations</b>	51 (25.8)	65 (33.2)	37 (18.7)
Nasopharyngitis	19 (9.6)	27 (13.8)	11 (5.6)
Herpes zoster	3 (1.5)	10 (5.1)	1 (0.5)
Influenza	4 (2.0)	7 (3.6)	7 (3.5)
Urinary tract infection	5 (2.5)	6 (3.1)	4 (2.0)

Body System <sup>±</sup> /Adverse Drug Reaction	Tofacitinib 5mg BID N=198 (%)	Tofacitinib 10mg BID N=196 (%)	Placebo N=198 (%)
Bronchitis	5 (2.5)	6 (3.1)	3 (1.5)
Sinusitis	6 (3.0)	2 (1.0)	2 (1.0)
Pharyngitis	6 (3.0)	1 (0.5)	3 (1.5)
Gastroenteritis viral	0	3 (1.5)	2 (1.0)
Viral infection	2 (1.0)	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)
<b>Injury, poisoning and procedural complications</b>	2 (1.0)	2 (1.0)	0
Ligament sprain	1 (0.5)	2 (1.0)	0
<b>Investigations</b>	19 (9.6)	38 (19.4)	7 (3.5)
Elevated cholesterol levels*	9 (4.5)	18 (9.2)	3 (1.5)
Blood creatine phosphokinase increased	6 (3.0)	13 (6.6)	4 (2.0)
Weight increased	3 (1.5)	4 (2.0)	0
Gamma glutamyltransferase increased,	1 (0.5)	3 (1.5)	0
<b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b>	19 (9.6)	19 (9.7)	25 (12.6)
Arthralgia	17 (8.6)	17 (8.7)	19 (9.6)
Musculoskeletal pain	1 (0.5)	2 (1.0)	5 (2.5)
<b>Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (including cysts and polyps)</b>	0	2 (1.0)	1 (0.5)
Non-melanoma skin cancers	0	2 (1.0)	1 (0.5)
<b>Nervous system disorders</b>	18 (9.1)	7 (3.6)	12 (6.1)
Headache	17 (8.6)	6 (3.1)	12 (6.1)
<b>Psychiatric</b>	3 (1.5)	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)
Insomnia	3 (1.5)	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)
<b>Respiratory</b>	6 (3.0)	8 (4.1)	6 (3.0)
Cough	6 (3.0)	5 (2.6)	5 (2.5)
Dyspnea	0	2 (1.0)	1 (0.5)
<b>Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders</b>	7 (3.5)	12 (6.1)	17 (8.6)
Rash	6 (3.0)	11 (5.6)	8 (4.0)
<b>Vascular disorders</b>	4 (2.0)	4 (2.0)	1 (0.5)
Hypertension	4 (2.0)	4 (2.0)	1 (0.5)

\* includes: hypercholesterolemia, hyperlipidemia, blood cholesterol increased, dyslipidemia, blood triglycerides increased, low density lipoprotein increased, low density lipoprotein abnormal, or lipids increased.

± The total number of subjects with adverse reactions and the total number of subjects with adverse reactions for each body system include all adverse drug reactions (those reported by ≥1% of subjects treated with tofacitinib and those reported by <1% of subjects treated with tofacitinib); the total also includes some subjects who reported more than one adverse drug reaction (which inflates the percentage).

## **Overall Infections**

### **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

In the five controlled trials, during 0 to 3 months exposure, the overall frequency of infections was 20% in the 5 mg BID tofacitinib group, and 18% in the placebo group.

In the long-term extension trial, overall frequency of infections was 67.7% (39.63 events/100 patient-years) in all tofacitinib group; 65.5% of patients (33.22 events/100 patient-years) and 68.4% of patients (42.24 events/100 patient-years) in the 5 mg and 10 BID of tofacitinib, respectively.

Infections were also reported in a post-authorization safety study in RA patients who were 50



years or older with at least one additional cardiovascular risk factor.

The most commonly reported infections were upper respiratory tract infections, nasopharyngitis, bronchitis, herpes zoster, and urinary tract infections.

### **Psoriatic Arthritis**

The incidence rates and types of overall infections in the two controlled Phase 3 PsA clinical studies were generally similar to those reported in RA Phase 3 clinical studies.

### **Ulcerative Colitis**

In the randomised 8-week Phase 2/3 induction studies, the proportions of patients with infections were 21.1% (198 patients) in the tofacitinib 10 mg BID group compared to 15.2% (43 patients) in the placebo group. In the randomised 52-week Phase 3 maintenance study, the proportion of patients with infections were 35.9% (71 patients) in the 5 mg BID and 39.8% (78 patients) in the 10 mg BID tofacitinib groups, compared to 24.2% (48 patients) in the placebo group.

In the maintenance study, results suggested that the risk of opportunistic infection was possibly dose related: tofacitinib 10 mg BID (2.0%), tofacitinib 5 mg BID (1.0%), and placebo (0.5%). All opportunistic infections were herpes zoster infections. Herpes zoster was reported more frequently with tofacitinib 10 mg BID (5.1%), as compared to tofacitinib 5 mg BID (1.5%), or placebo (0.5%), indicating that the risk of herpes zoster is dose related.

In the entire treatment experience with tofacitinib, the most commonly reported infection was nasopharyngitis, occurring in 18.2% of patients (211 patients).

### **Serious Infections**

#### **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

In the five controlled trials, during the 0 to 3 months exposure, serious infections were reported in 1 patient (0.6 events/100 patient-years) who received placebo and 8 patients (2.8 events/100 patient-years) who received 5 mg BID of tofacitinib.

During the 0 to 12 months exposure, the overall frequencies of serious infections were 2.4% (3.2 events/100 patient-years) for the 5 mg BID tofacitinib group.

In the long-term extension trial, the most common serious infections reported with tofacitinib included pneumonia, cellulitis, appendicitis, diverticulitis, gastroenteritis, urinary tract infection, and herpes zoster (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

Serious infections were more frequently reported in subjects taking tofacitinib compared to TNF inhibitors (TNFi), and in patients treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID compared to those treated with tofacitinib 5 mg BID in a post-authorization safety study (Study RA-VI), as shown in Table 8.

**Table 8. Serious Infections in Study RA-VI**

	<b>Tofacitinib 5 mg BID N = 1455</b>	<b>Tofacitinib 10 mg BID* N = 1456</b>	<b>All Tofacitinib N=2911</b>	<b>TNFi N = 1451</b>
n (%)	141 (9.69)	169 (11.61)	310 (10.65)	119 (8.20)
IR per 100 PY (95% CI)	2.86 (2.41, 3.37)	3.64 (3.11, 4.23)	3.24 (2.89, 3.62)	2.44 (2.02, 2.92)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	1.17 (0.92, 1.50)	1.48 (1.17, 1.87)	1.32 (1.07, 1.63)	--

\* The tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment group consists of data from patients that were switched from tofacitinib 10 mg BID to tofacitinib 5 mg BID during the trial as a result of a study modification following a recommendation by the Data and Safety Monitoring Board in February 2019.

Abbreviations: IR=incidence rate, CI=confidence interval, PY=patient years, HR=hazard ratio

### **Psoriatic Arthritis**

The incidence rates and types of serious infections in the two controlled Phase 3 PsA clinical studies were generally similar to those reported in RA Phase 3 clinical studies.

### **Ulcerative Colitis**

The incidence rates and types of serious infections in the UC clinical trials were generally similar to those reported in RA Phase 3 clinical trials with tofacitinib.

Patients treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID had a higher rate of serious infections compared to those treated with 5 mg BID.

### **Tuberculosis**

Cases of tuberculosis have been reported with treatment with tofacitinib.

### **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

In the five controlled Phase 3 trials, during 0 to 3 months exposure, no cases of tuberculosis were reported in patients who received placebo or 5 mg BID of tofacitinib.

During 0 to 12 months of exposure, tuberculosis was reported in 0 patients who received 5 mg BID of tofacitinib.

In the long-term extension trial, adjudicated tuberculosis events were reported in 0.6% patients (0.15 events/100 patient-years) who received tofacitinib; 0.4% of patients (0.10 events/100 patient-years) and 0.6% of patients (0.17 events/100 patient-years) in the 5 mg and 10 mg BID of tofacitinib, respectively.

Cases of disseminated tuberculosis were also reported. The median tofacitinib exposure prior to diagnosis of tuberculosis was 10 months (range from 152 to 960 days) (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

### **Psoriatic Arthritis**

The incidence rates of tuberculosis in the two controlled Phase 3 PsA clinical studies were generally similar to those reported in RA Phase 3 clinical studies.

### **Opportunistic Infections (excluding tuberculosis)**

#### **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

In the five controlled Phase 3 trials, during 0 to 3 months exposure, opportunistic infections were reported in 0 patients who received placebo and 2 (0.2%) patients (0.7 events/100 patient-years) who received 5 mg BID of tofacitinib.

During 0 to 12 months of exposure, opportunistic infections were reported in 3 (0.3%) patients (0.3 events/100 patient-years) who received 5 mg BID of tofacitinib.

The median tofacitinib exposure prior to diagnosis of an opportunistic infection was 8 months (range from 41 to 698 days).

The similar frequency of opportunistic infections was observed in the long-term extension trial with tofacitinib treatment up to 114 months.

## Psoriatic Arthritis

The incidence rates and types of opportunistic infections in the two controlled Phase 3 PsA clinical studies were generally similar to those reported in RA Phase 3 clinical studies.

## Ulcerative Colitis

In the maintenance study, herpes zoster was reported more frequently with tofacitinib 10 mg BID (5.1%), as compared to tofacitinib 5 mg BID (1.5%), or placebo (0.5%), indicating that the risk of herpes zoster is dose related.

Also, opportunistic herpes zoster infections (including serious cases, such as, disseminated, meningoencephalitis, ophthalmologic) were reported in patients treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID.

## Malignancy (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer)

### Rheumatoid Arthritis

In the five Phase 3 controlled trials, during 0 to 3 months exposure, malignancies (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer) were reported in 0 patients who received placebo and 2 (0.2%) patients (0.7 events/100 patient-years) who received 5 mg BID of tofacitinib.

During 0 to 12 months of exposure, malignancies (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer) were reported in 5 (0.4%) patients (0.6 events/100 patient-years) who received 5 mg BID of tofacitinib.

In the long-term extension trial, overall frequency of malignancies (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer) was 3.1% (0.83 events/100 patient-years) in all tofacitinib-treated patients; 3.4% of patients (0.8 events/100 patient-years) and 3% of patients (0.84 events/100 patient-years) in the 5 mg and 10 mg BID of tofacitinib, respectively.

The most common types of malignancy (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer), including malignancies observed during the long-term extension, were lung and breast cancer, followed by gastric, colorectal, renal cell, prostate cancer, lymphoma and malignant melanoma (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

In a post-authorization safety study (Study RA-VI), malignancies (excluding NMSC) were observed more frequently in patients taking tofacitinib compared with patients taking TNFi (Table 9). Frequency of lung cancer was higher in patients taking tofacitinib 10 mg BID compared with patients taking tofacitinib 5 mg BID. Thyroid cancer was observed in 5, 2, and 0 subjects taking tofacitinib 5 mg BID, taking tofacitinib 10 mg BID, and TNFi, respectively.

**Table 9: Malignancies (Excluding NMSC), Lymphoma, and Lung Cancer in Study RA-VI**

	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID N = 1455	Tofacitinib 10 mg BID* N = 1456	All Tofacitinib N=2911	TNFi N = 1451
Malignancies excluding NMSC				
n (%)	62 (4.26)	60 (4.12)	122 (4.19)	42 (2.89)
IR (95% CI ) per 100 PY	1.13 (0.87, 1.45)	1.13 (0.86, 1.45)	1.13 (0.94, 1.35)	0.77 (0.55, 1.04)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	1.47 (1.00, 2.18)	1.48 (1.00, 2.19)	1.48 (1.04, 2.09) <sup>†</sup>	--
Lymphoma				
n (%)	4 (0.27)	6 (0.41)	10 (0.34)	1 (0.07)
IR (95% CI ) per 100 PY	0.07 (0.02, 0.18)	0.11 (0.04, 0.24)	0.09 (0.04, 0.17)	0.02 (0.00, 0.10)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI )	3.99 (0.45, 35.70)	6.24 (0.75, 51.86)	5.09 (0.65, 39.78)	--

	<b>Tofacitinib 5 mg BID N = 1455</b>	<b>Tofacitinib 10 mg BID* N = 1456</b>	<b>All Tofacitinib N=2911</b>	<b>TNFi N = 1451</b>
<b>Lung Cancer</b>				
n (%)	13 (0.89)	17 (1.17)	30 (1.03)	7 (0.48)
IR (95% CI ) per 100 PY	0.23 (0.12, 0.40)	0.32 (0.18, 0.51)	0.28 (0.19, 0.39)	0.13 (0.05, 0.26)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI )	1.84 (0.74, 4.62)	2.50 (1.04, 6.02)	2.17 (0.95, 4.93)	--

\* The Tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment group consists of data from patients that were switched from Tofacitinib 10 mg BID to tofacitinib

5 mg BID during the trial as a result of a study modification following a recommendation by the Data and Safety Monitoring Board in February 2019.

† The non-inferiority criterion was not met for the primary comparison of the combined tofacitinib doses to TNFi since the upper limit of the 95% CI exceeded the pre-specified non-inferiority criterion of 1.8.

Abbreviations: IR=incidence rate, CI=confidence interval, PY=patient years, HR=hazard ratio

### **Psoriatic Arthritis**

The incidence rates of malignancies (excluding NMSC) in the two controlled Phase 3 PsA clinical studies were generally similar to those reported in RA Phase 3 clinical studies.

### **Ulcerative Colitis**

In the controlled clinical studies (up to 52-week treatment), no malignancies (excluding NMSC) were reported with tofacitinib.

In the long-term extension open-label study, malignancies (excluding NMSC) have been observed in patients treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID, including solid cancers and lymphoma.

### **Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer**

NMSC is a dose related adverse reaction, with a greater risk in patients treated with 10 mg BID of tofacitinib than in patients treated with 5 mg BID.

### **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

In the five Phase 3 controlled trials, during the 0 to 3 months exposure, NMSC was reported in 1 (0.2%) patient (0.6 events/100 patient-years) who received placebo and 2 (0.2%) patients (0.7 events/100 patient-years) who received 5 mg BID of tofacitinib.

During 0 to 12 months exposure, NMSC was reported in 3 (0.3%) patients (0.3 events/100 patient-years) who received 5 mg BID of tofacitinib.

In the long-term extension trial, overall frequency of NMSC was 2.6% (0.71 events/100 patient-years) in all tofacitinib-treated patients; 2.5% of patients (0.6 events/100 patient-years) and 2.6% of patients (0.75 events/100 patient-years) in the 5 mg and 10 mg BID of tofacitinib, respectively.

In a post-authorization safety study (Study RA-VI), NMSC, including cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma, was more frequently observed in patients taking the tofacitinib compared with patients taking TNFi (Table 10).

**Table 10: NMSC in Study RA-VI**

	<b>Tofacitinib 5 mg BID N = 1455</b>	<b>Tofacitinib 10 mg BID* N = 1456</b>	<b>All Tofacitinib N=2911</b>	<b>TNFi N = 1451</b>
<b>Non-melanoma Skin Cancer (NMSC)</b>				

n (%)	31 (2.13)	33 (2.27)	64 (2.20)	16 (1.10)
IR (95% CI) per 100 PY	0.61 (0.41, 0.86)	0.69 (0.47, 0.96)	0.64 (0.50, 0.82)	0.32 (0.18, 0.52)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	1.90 (1.04, 3.47)	2.16 (1.19, 3.92)	2.02 (1.17, 3.50)	--
<b>Basal Cell Carcinoma</b>				
n (%)	19 (1.31)	16 (1.10)	35 (1.20)	13 (0.90)
IR (95% CI) per 100 PY	0.37 (0.22, 0.58)	0.33 (0.19, 0.54)	0.35 (0.24, 0.49)	0.26 (0.14, 0.44)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	1.43 (0.71, 2.90)	1.28 (0.61, 2.66)	1.36 (0.72, 2.56)	--
<b>Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma</b>				
n (%)	15 (1.03)	22 (1.51)	37 (1.27)	8 (0.55)
IR (95% CI) per 100 PY	0.29 (0.16, 0.48)	0.45 (0.29, 0.69)	0.37 (0.26, 0.51)	0.16 (0.07, 0.31)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	1.82 (0.77, 4.30)	2.86 (1.27, 6.43)	2.32 (1.08, 4.99)	--

\* The Tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment group consists of data from patients that were switched from Tofacitinib 10 mg BID to Tofacitinib

5 mg BID during the trial as a result of a study modification following a recommendation by the Data and Safety Monitoring Board in February 2019. Abbreviations: IR=incidence rate, CI=confidence interval, PY=patient years, HR=hazard ratio

### Psoriatic Arthritis

The incidence rates of NMSC in the two controlled Phase 3 PsA clinical studies were generally similar to those reported in RA Phase 3 clinical studies.

### Mortality

#### Rheumatoid Arthritis

In a post-authorization safety study (Study RA-VI), all-cause mortality was observed more frequently for patients taking tofacitinib (n=65/2911; 2.2%) compared with patients taking TNFi (n=17/1451; 1.2%). Related study data is presented in Table 11.

**Table 11. Mortality in Study RA-VI**

Parameter	Tofacitinib 5mg BID N=1455	Tofacitinib 10mg BID* N=1456	All Tofa N=2911	TNFi N=1451
<b>Deaths - Total</b>				
n (%)	26 (1.79)	39 (2.68)	65 (2.23)	17 (1.17)
IR (95% CI) per 100 PY	0.50 (0.33, 0.74)	0.80 (0.57, 1.09)	0.65 (0.50, 0.82)	0.34 (0.20, 0.54)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	1.49 (0.81, 2.74)	2.37 (1.34, 4.18)	1.91 (1.12, 3.27)	
<b>Deaths - Infections</b>				
n (%)	4 (0.27)	9 (0.62)	13 (0.45)	3 (0.21)
IR (95% CI) per 100 PY	0.08 (0.02, 0.20)	0.18 (0.08, 0.35)	0.13 (0.0, 0.22)	0.06 (0.01, 0.17)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	1.30 (0.29, 5.79)	3.10 (0.84, 11.45)	2.17 (0.62, 7.62)	
<b>Deaths - Cardiovascular Events</b>				
n (%)	13 (0.89)	20 (1.37)	33 (1.13)	10 (0.69)
IR (95% CI) per 100 PY	0.25 (0.13, 0.43)	0.41 (0.25, 0.63)	0.33 (0.23, 0.46)	0.20 (0.10, 0.36)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	1.26 (0.55, 2.88)	2.05 (0.96, 4.39)	1.65 (0.81, 3.34)	
<b>Deaths - Malignancies</b>				
n (%)	5 (0.34)	0	5 (0.17)	1 (0.07)
IR (95% CI) per 100 PY	0.10 (0.03, 0.23)	0.00 (0.00, 0.08)	0.05 (0.02, 0.12)	0.02 (0.00, 0.11)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	4.88 (0.57, 41.74)	0 (0.00, Inf)	2.53 (0.30, 21.64)	
<b>Deaths - Other Causes</b>				
n (%)	4 (0.27)	10 (0.69)	14 (0.48)	3 (0.21)
IR (95% CI) per 100 PY	0.08 (0.02, 0.20)	0.21 (0.10, 0.38)	0.14 (0.08, 0.23)	0.06 (0.01, 0.17)

Parameter	Tofacitinib 5mg BID N=1455	Tofacitinib 10mg BID* N=1456	All Tofa N=2911	TNFi N=1451
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	1.30 (0.29, 5.81)	3.45 (0.95, 12.54)	2.34 (0.67, 8.16)	

\* The tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment group consists of data from patients that were switched from tofacitinib 10 mg BID to tofacitinib 5 mg BID during the trial as a result of a study modification following a recommendation by the Data and Safety Monitoring Board in February 2019.

### **Thromboembolism**

Venous thromboembolism, including pulmonary embolism, were observed more frequently in a post-authorization safety study (Study RA-VI), as shown in Table 12. Pulmonary embolism was observed more frequently with tofacitinib 10 mg BID than tofacitinib 5 mg BID. Deep vein thrombosis, and arterial thromboembolism were also observed in the study.

**Table 12: Thromboembolism Adverse Reactions in Study RA-VI**

	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID N = 1455	Tofacitinib 10 mg BID* N = 1456	All Tofacitinib N = 2911	TNFi N = 1451
<b>Venous Thromboembolism</b>				
n(%)	17 (1.17)	34 (2.34)	51 (1.75)	10 (0.69)
IR (95% CI ) per 100 PY	0.33 (0.19, 0.53)	0.70 (0.49, 0.99)	0.51 (0.38, 0.67)	0.20 (0.10, 0.37)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	1.66 (0.76, 3.63)	3.52 (1.74, 7.12)	2.56 (1.30, 5.05)	--
<b>Pulmonary Embolism</b>				
n (%)	9 (0.62)	24 (1.65)	33 (1.13)	3 (0.21)
IR (95% CI ) per 100 PY	0.17 (0.08, 0.33)	0.50 (0.32, 0.74)	0.33 (0.23, 0.46)	0.06 (0.01, 0.17)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	2.93 (0.79, 10.83)	8.26 (2.49, 27.43)	5.53 (1.70, 18.02)	--
<b>Deep Vein Thrombosis</b>				
n(%)	11 (0.76)	15 (1.03)	26 (0.89)	7 (0.48)
IR (95% CI ) per 100 PY	0.21 (0.11, 0.38)	0.31 (0.17, 0.51)	0.26 (0.17, 0.38)	0.14 (0.06, 0.29)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	1.54 (0.60, 3.97)	2.21 (0.90, 5.43)	1.87 (0.81, 4.30)	--
<b>Arterial Thromboembolism</b>				
n(%)	47 (3.23)	45 (3.09)	92 (3.16)	41 (2.83)
(95% CI) per 100 PY	0.92 (0.68, 1.22)	0.94 (0.68, 1.25)	0.93 (0.75, 1.14)	0.82 (0.59, 1.12)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI )	1.12 (0.74, 1.70)	1.14 (0.75, 1.74)	1.13 (0.78, 1.63)	--

\* The tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment group consists of data from patients that were switched from tofacitinib 10 mg BID to tofacitinib 5 mg BID during the trial as a result of a study modification following a recommendation by the Data and Safety Monitoring Board in February 2019. Abbreviations: IR=incidence rate, CI=confidence interval, PY=patient years, HR=hazard ratio

### **Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events (MACE), Including Myocardial Infarction**

#### **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

In a post-authorization study (Study RA-VI) the risk of MACE, including non-fatal myocardial infarction, was higher in patients treated with tofacitinib, compared to patients treated with TNFi (Table 13). In the tofacitinib 5 mg BID, tofacitinib 10 mg BID, All tofacitinib, and TNFi treatment arms, there were a total of 19, 19, 38, and 11 patients with MI events, respectively. Of these totals, the number of patients with fatal MI events was 0, 3, 3, and 3, respectively, whereas the number of patients with non-fatal MI events was 19, 16, 35, and 8, respectively.

**Table 13: MACE (Including Myocardial Infarction) in Study RA-VI**

	<b>Tofacitinib 5 mg BID N = 1455</b>	<b>Tofacitinib 10 mg BID* N = 1456</b>	<b>All Tofacitinib N=2911</b>	<b>TNFi N = 1451</b>
<b>Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events (MACE)<sup>α</sup></b>				
n (%)	47 (3.23)	51 (3.50)	98 (3.37)	37 (2.55)
IR (95% CI) per 100 PY	0.91 (0.67, 1.21)	1.05 (0.78, 1.38)	0.98 (0.79, 1.19)	0.73 (0.52, 1.01)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	1.24 (0.81, 1.91)	1.43 (0.94, 2.18)	1.33 (0.91, 1.94) <sup>‡</sup>	--
<b>Non-fatal Myocardial Infarction</b>				
n (%)	19 (1.31)	16 (1.10)	35 (1.20)	8 (0.55)
IR (95% CI) per 100 PY	0.37 (0.22, 0.57)	0.33 (0.19, 0.53)	0.35 (0.24, 0.48)	0.16 (0.07, 0.31)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	2.32 (1.02, 5.30)	2.08 (0.89, 4.86)	2.20 (1.02, 4.75)	--

\* The Tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment group consists of data from patients that were switched from tofacitinib 10 mg BID to Tofacitinib 5 mg BID during the trial as a result of a study modification following a recommendation by the Data and Safety Monitoring Board in February 2019.

‡ The non-inferiority criterion was not met for the primary comparison of the combined tofacitinib doses to TNFi since the upper limit of the 95% CI exceeded the pre-specified non-inferiority criterion of 1.8.

<sup>α</sup> MACE includes nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, and cardiovascular deaths excluding pulmonary embolism. Abbreviations: IR=incidence rate, CI=confidence interval, PY=patient years, HR=hazard ratio

## **Gastrointestinal Perforations**

### **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

In a post-authorization study (Study RA-VI), gastrointestinal perforations were observed in subjects treated with tofacitinib 5 mg BID, tofacitinib 10 mg BID, and TNF inhibitors (Table 14).

**Table 14: Gastrointestinal Perforations in Study RA-VI**

	<b>Tofacitinib 5 mg BID N = 1455</b>	<b>Tofacitinib 10 mg BID* N = 1456</b>	<b>All Tofacitinib N=2911</b>	<b>TNFi N = 1451</b>
n(%)	9 (0.62)	5 (0.34)	14 (0.48)	4 (0.28)
IR (95% CI ) per 100 PY	0.17 (0.08, 0.33)	0.10 (0.03, 0.24)	0.14 (0.08, 0.23)	0.08 (0.02, 0.20)
Tofacitinib vs TNFi HR (95% CI)	2.20 (0.68, 7.15)	1.29 (0.35, 4.80)	1.76 (0.58, 5.34)	--

\* The tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment group consists of data from patients that were switched from tofacitinib 10 mg BID to tofacitinib 5 mg BID during the trial as a result of a study modification following a recommendation by the Data and Safety Monitoring Board in February 2019. Abbreviations: BID=twice daily, TNFi= Tumor necrosis factor inhibitor, IR=incidence rate, CI=confidence interval, PY=patient years, HR=hazard ratio

### **Fractures**

In a post-authorization study (Study RA-VI) the incidence rate (IR) (95% CI) for fractures was 2.79 (95%CI: 2.34-3.30) for tofacitinib 5 mg BID, and 2.87 (95% CI: 2.40-3.40) for tofacitinib 10 mg BID, compared to 2.27 (95% CI: 1.87-2.74) for TNF inhibitors.

## **8.3 Less Common Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions**

### **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

**Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders:** leukopenia, lymphopenia, neutropenia,

**Cardiovascular:** congestive heart failure, myocardial infarction

**Gastrointestinal Disorders:** abdominal pain, appendicitis, gastrointestinal perforation

**General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions:** influenza

**Hepatobiliary Disorders:** hepatic steatosis

**Infections and Infestations:** atypical mycobacterial infection, arthritis bacterial, bacteraemia, cellulitis, cytomegalovirus infection, disseminated tuberculosis, diverticulitis, encephalitis, gastroenteritis viral, herpes simplex, herpes zoster, meningitis cryptococcal, mycobacterium avium complex infection, necrotising fasciitis, pneumonia bacterial, pneumonia pneumococcal, pneumocystis jiroveci pneumonia, pyelonephritis, sepsis, staphylococcal bacteraemia, tuberculosis, tuberculosis of central nervous system, urosepsis, viral infection.

**Injury, Poisoning and Procedural Complications:** muscle strain, fall

**Investigations:** blood cholesterol increased, blood creatinine increased, blood creatine phosphokinase increased, gamma glutamyltransferase increased, hepatic enzyme increased, liver function test abnormal, low density lipoprotein increased, transaminases increased, weight increased,

**Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders:** dehydration, dyslipidemia, hyperlipidemia

**Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders:** joint swelling, ligament sprain, musculoskeletal pain, tendonitis,

**Neoplasm Benign, Malignant and Unspecified (Including Cysts and Polyps):** lymphoma, non-melanoma skin cancers, solid tumours

**Nervous System Disorders:** paraesthesia

**Psychiatric Disorders:** insomnia

**Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders:** cough, dyspnoea, sinus congestion,

**Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders:** erythema, pruritus

**Vascular disorders:** arterial thrombosis, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism.

### **Psoriatic Arthritis**

The incidence rates of less common clinical trial adverse drug reactions (<1%) in the two controlled Phase 3 PsA clinical studies were generally similar to those reported in RA Phase 3 clinical studies.

### **Ulcerative Colitis**

**Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders:** neutropenia, lymphopenia, leukopenia

**Gastrointestinal Disorders:** gastritis

**General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions:** oedema peripheral

**Hepatobiliary Disorders:** hepatic steatosis

**Infections and Infestations:** pneumonia, pyelonephritis, cellulitis, herpes simplex, tuberculosis, arthritis bacterial, cytomegalovirus infection, diverticulitis

**Injury, Poisoning and Procedural Complications:** muscle strain

**Investigations:** hepatic enzyme increased, transaminases increased, blood creatinine increased, liver function test abnormal, low density lipoprotein increased

**Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders:** dehydration



**Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders:** tendonitis, joint swelling

**Neoplasm Benign, Malignant and Unspecified (Including Cysts and Polyps):** non-melanoma skin cancers, solid cancers, lymphomas

**Nervous System Disorders:** paraesthesia

**Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders:** sinus congestion

**Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders:** erythema, pruritus

#### **8.4 Abnormal Laboratory Findings: Hematologic, Clinical Chemistry and Other Quantitative Data Clinical Trial Findings Laboratory Tests – Rheumatoid Arthritis and Ulcerative Colitis**

##### Creatine Kinase

Treatment with tofacitinib was associated with increases in creatine kinase (CK). Maximum effects were generally observed within 6 months. Rhabdomyolysis was reported in one patient treated with tofacitinib.

CK levels should be checked in patients with symptoms of muscle weakness and/or muscle pain to evaluate for evidence of rhabdomyolysis (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

##### ECG Findings

In placebo-controlled Phase 2 clinical trials, steady-state treatment with 5-10 mg BID tofacitinib was associated with statistically significant 4-7 bpm decreases in heart rate and 4-10 ms increases in the PR interval compared with placebo (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#) and [9 DRUG INTERACTIONS](#)).

##### Lipids

Treatment with tofacitinib was associated with dose related increases in lipid parameters.

Elevations in lipid parameters (total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, triglycerides) generally reached maximal effects at 6 weeks following initiation of tofacitinib in the controlled RA double-blind clinical trials. Changes in lipid parameters from baseline through the end of the study (6-12 months) in the controlled clinical studies in RA are summarized below:

- Mean LDL cholesterol increased by 14% in the tofacitinib 5 mg BID arm.
- Mean HDL cholesterol increased by 16% in the tofacitinib 5 mg BID arm.
- Mean LDL/HDL ratios were essentially unchanged in tofacitinib-treated patients.

In the five controlled RA clinical trials, 4.4% of patients treated with 5 mg BID, initiated lipid-lowering medication while on study.

In the RA long-term safety population, elevations in the lipid parameters remained consistent with what was seen in the controlled clinical studies.

Increases of total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, and HDL cholesterol were also reported in a post-authorization safety (Study RA-VI; Table 15).

**Table 15: Mean percent increase of cholesterol (Study RA-VI)**

		Tofacitinib 5 mg BID	Tofacitinib 10 mg BID*	TNFi
LDL, mean percent increase	12 months	13.80	17.04	5.50
	24 months	12.71	18.14	3.64

HDL, mean percent increase	12 months	11.71	13.63	2.82
	24 months	11.58	13.54	1.42

\* The Tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment group consists of data from patients that were switched from tofacitinib 10 mg BID to tofacitinib 5 mg BID during the trial as a result of a study modification following a recommendation by the Data and Safety Monitoring Board in February 2019.

### Liver Enzyme Tests

Confirmed increases in liver enzymes >3x upper limit of normal (ULN) were uncommonly observed. In those patients experiencing liver enzyme elevation, modification of treatment regimen, such as reduction in the dose of concomitant DMARD, interruption of tofacitinib, or reduction in tofacitinib dose, resulted in decrease or normalization of liver enzymes.

In the controlled portion of the RA Phase 3 monotherapy study (0-3 months), ALT elevations >3x ULN were observed in 1.65% and 0.41% of patients receiving placebo and 5 mg BID, respectively. In this study, AST elevations >3x ULN were observed in 1.65%, and 0.41% of patients receiving placebo and 5 mg BID, respectively.

In the controlled portion of the RA Phase 3 studies on background DMARDs (0-3 months), ALT elevations >3x ULN were observed in 0.9% and 1.24% of patients receiving placebo and 5 mg BID, respectively. In these studies, AST elevations >3x ULN were observed in 0.72% and 0.52% of patients receiving placebo and 5 mg BID, respectively.

In the RA long-term extension trial, ALT and AST elevations greater than 3x ULN were observed in 2.2% and 1.1% of all tofacitinib-treated patients, respectively. Overall, total bilirubin elevations greater than 2x ULN were observed in 3 (0.1%) patients. Increases to  $\geq 5x$  and  $\geq 10x$  ULN were observed for both ALT (0.5% and 0.2% of patients, respectively) and AST (0.3% and 0.1% of patients, respectively) in all patients treated with tofacitinib.

In RA patients taking 5 mg BID of tofacitinib, the ALT and AST elevations greater than 3x ULN were observed in 2.4% and 1.3% of patients, respectively. There was no subject who had the total bilirubin elevations greater than 2x ULN. Increases to  $\geq 5x$  and  $\geq 10x$  ULN were observed for both ALT (0.4% and 0.1% of patients, respectively) and AST (0.2% and 0% of patients, respectively).

In RA patients taking 10 mg BID of tofacitinib, the ALT and AST elevations greater than 3x ULN were observed in 2.1% and 1.1% of patients, respectively. The total bilirubin elevations greater than 2x ULN were observed in 3 (0.1%) patients. Increases to  $\geq 5x$  and  $\geq 10x$  ULN were observed for both ALT (0.5% and 0.2% of patients, respectively) and AST (0.3% and 0.1% of patients, respectively).

Two patients treated with 10 mg BID of tofacitinib in the RA long-term extension trial were assessed as probable DILI by the adjudication committee. One of the two patients had other possible causes of alcohol intake and methotrexate.

Elevations of ALT and AST were reported more frequently in patients taking TARO-TOFACITINIB compared with patients taking TNFi in a post-authorization safety study (Study RA-VI; Table 16).

**Table 16: Percentage of patients with at least one post-baseline elevation of liver enzymes (Study RA-VI)**

		Tofacitinib 5 mg BID	Tofacitinib 10 mg BID*	All Tofacitinib	TNFi
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ALT elevation, percentage of patients	> 1 x ULN	52.83	54.46	53.64	43.33
	> 3 x ULN	6.01	6.51	6.27	3.77
	> 5 x ULN	1.68	1.97	1.82	1.12
AST elevation, percentage of patients	> 1 x ULN	45.84	51.58	48.70	37.18
	> 3 x ULN	3.21	4.57	3.89	2.38
	> 5 x ULN	0.98	1.62	1.30	0.70

\* The Tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment group consists of data from patients that were switched from tofacitinib 10 mg BID to tofacitinib 5 mg BID during the trial as a result of a study modification following a recommendation by the Data and Safety Monitoring Board in February 2019.

In the clinical studies in UC, changes in liver enzyme tests observed with tofacitinib 5 mg BID treatment were similar to the changes observed in clinical studies in RA.

In UC patients, tofacitinib treatment with 5 and 10 mg BID was also associated with an increased incidence of liver enzyme elevation compared to placebo, with a trend for higher incidence with the 10 mg BID as compared to the 5 mg BID dose.

One patient with tofacitinib 10 mg BID in the maintenance UC study experienced an increase in liver enzymes which decreased upon discontinuation of treatment. The case was adjudicated as possible DILI, while noting ultrasound findings of fatty liver.

#### Lymphocytes

In the five controlled RA clinical trials, confirmed decreases in absolute lymphocyte counts below  $0.5 \times 10^9$  cells/L occurred in 0.2% of patients for the 5 mg BID tofacitinib group during 12 months of exposure.

Confirmed lymphocyte counts less than  $0.5 \times 10^9$  cells/L were associated with an increased incidence of treated and serious infections (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

In the RA long-term extension trial, cases of lymphopenia have been reported in 181 (4.0%) patients (1.11 events/100 patient-years) treated with tofacitinib; 4.5% of patients (1.07 events/100 patient-years) and 3.9% of patients (1.12 events/100 patient-years) in the 5 mg and 10 mg BID of tofacitinib, respectively. Confirmed decreased in absolute lymphocyte counts below  $0.5 \times 10^9$  cells/L occurred in 1.3% of all tofacitinib-treated patients; 1.1% of patients for the 5 mg BID tofacitinib group, and 1.4% of patients for the 10 mg BID tofacitinib group.

In a post-authorization safety study (Study RA-VI) the median decrease in lymphocyte counts were greater in patients taking tofacitinib (-0.21) compared with patients taking TNFi (0.37).

In the 52-week maintenance study in UC, a single absolute lymphocyte count below  $0.5 \times 10^9$  cells/L was reported in 2.6% (n=5) of patients treated with 10 mg BID, and was not reported in patients treated with 5 mg BID or placebo. No patients in any treatment group had confirmation of a lymphocyte count below  $0.5 \times 10^9$  cells/L based on two sequential tests.

#### Neutrophils

In the controlled RA clinical studies, confirmed decreases in ANC below  $1 \times 10^9$  cells/L occurred in 0.08% of patients in the 5 mg BID tofacitinib group during 12 months of exposure. There were no confirmed decreases in ANC below  $0.5 \times 10^9$  cells/L observed in any treatment group.

There was no clear relationship between neutropenia and the occurrence of serious infections.

In the long-term extension trial, cases of neutropenia have been reported in 86 (1.9%) patients (0.52 events/100 patient-years) treated with tofacitinib; 4.0% of patients (0.97 events/100 patient-years) and 1.2% of patients (0.35 events/100 patient-years) in the 5 mg and 10 mg BID of tofacitinib, respectively. Confirmed decreased in ANC below  $1 \times 10^9$  cells/L occurred in 0.2% in all tofacitinib-treated patients; 0.4% of patients for the 5 mg BID tofacitinib group, and 0.1% of patients for the 10 mg BID tofacitinib group.

In the clinical studies in UC, changes in neutrophils observed with tofacitinib treatment were similar to the changes observed in clinical studies in RA.

### Serum Creatinine

In the controlled RA clinical trials, dose-related elevations in serum creatinine were observed with tofacitinib treatment. The mean increase in serum creatinine was  $<0.1$  mg/dL in the 12-month pooled safety analysis; however, with increasing duration of exposure in the long-term extension trial, up to 6.9% of patients were discontinued from tofacitinib treatment due to the protocol-specified discontinuation criterion of an increase in creatinine by more than 50% of baseline. The clinical significance of the observed serum creatinine elevations is unknown.

In the UC studies, an increase of more than 50% in serum creatinine was reported in 1.6% of patients predominantly treated with tofacitinib 5 mg BID, and 3.4% of those predominantly treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID.

### **Laboratory Tests – Psoriatic Arthritis**

In the controlled clinical trials in PsA, changes in hematologic and clinical chemistry findings observed with tofacitinib treatment were similar to the changes observed in Phase 3 clinical trials in RA.

### **8.5 Post-Market Adverse Reactions**

Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is generally not possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

**Immune system disorders:** drug hypersensitivity reactions including angioedema and urticaria (see [2 CONTRAINDICATIONS](#) and [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#))

**Serious infections:** viral reactivation (hepatitis B reactivation) (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#))

## **9 DRUG INTERACTIONS**

### **9.2 Drug Interactions Overview**

In vitro studies indicate that tofacitinib does not significantly inhibit the activity of the major human drug metabolizing CYPs (CYP1A2, CYP2B6, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, and CYP3A4) at concentrations exceeding 80 times the steady state  $C_{max}$  of a 5 and 10 mg BID dose in patients treated with tofacitinib. In vitro studies also indicated a low risk of induction of CYP3A4 (2-fold mRNA at  $6.25 \mu\text{M}$ ), CYP2B6 (2-fold mRNA at  $12.5 \mu\text{M}$ ), and CYP1A2 (no enzyme changes) at clinically relevant concentrations (total  $C_{max}$  of  $0.186 \mu\text{M}$ ).

In vitro, tofacitinib is a substrate for multidrug resistance (MDR) 1, but not for breast cancer

resistance protein (BCRP), organic anion transporting polypeptide (OATP) 1B1/1B3, or organic cationic transporter (OCT) 1/2. In vitro data indicate that the potential for tofacitinib to inhibit transporters such as P-glycoprotein, MDR1, organic anion transporter (OAT) P1B1/1B3, OCT2, OAT1/3, cationic transporters or multidrug resistance-associated protein (MRP) at therapeutic concentrations is also low.

Tofacitinib exposure is increased when tofacitinib is coadministered with potent CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g., ketoconazole) or when administration of one or more concomitant medications results in both moderate inhibition of CYP3A4 and potent inhibition of CYP2C19 (e.g., fluconazole). Tofacitinib exposure is decreased when tofacitinib is coadministered with potent CYP3A4 inducers (e.g., rifampin). Inhibitors of CYP2C19 or P-glycoprotein are unlikely to alter the PK of tofacitinib.

The in vitro results were confirmed by a human drug interaction study showing no changes in the PK of midazolam, a highly sensitive CYP3A4 substrate, when coadministered with tofacitinib.

In vitro studies indicate that tofacitinib does not significantly inhibit the activity of the major human drug-metabolizing uridine 5'-diphospho-glucuronosyltransferases (UGTs) [UGT1A1, UGT1A4, UGT1A6, UGT1A9, and UGT2B7] at concentrations exceeding 250 times the steady state  $C_{max}$  of a 5 and 10 mg BID dose in RA, PsA and UC patients.

The oral clearance of tofacitinib does not vary with time, indicating that tofacitinib does not normalize CYP enzyme activity in patients. Therefore, coadministration with tofacitinib is not expected to result in clinically relevant increases in the metabolism of CYP substrates.

#### 9.4 Drug-Drug Interactions

**Table 17: Summary of Drug-Drug Interactions**

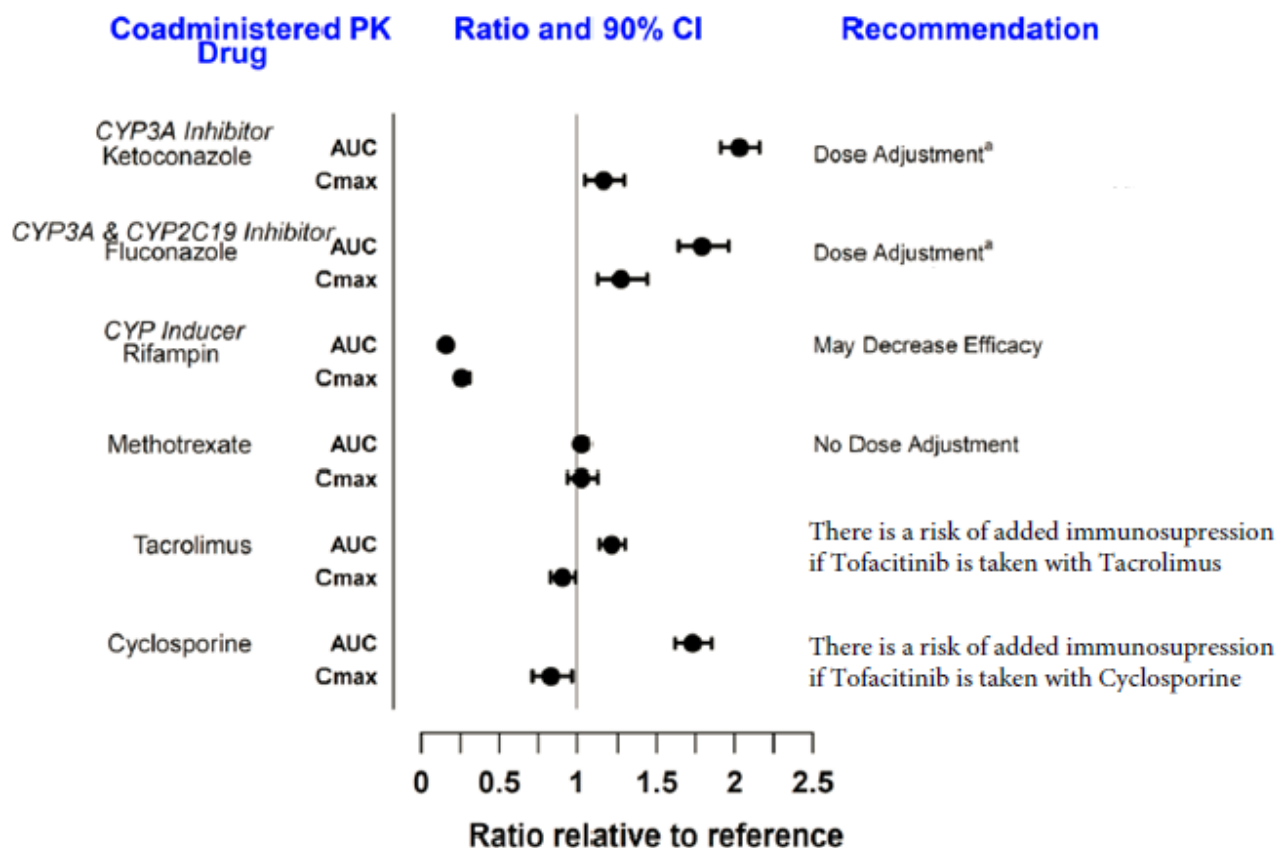
Drug	Reference	Effect	Clinical Comment
Methotrexate	CT	Coadministration with methotrexate (15-25 mg MTX once weekly) had no effect on the PK of tofacitinib and decreased methotrexate AUC (area under the curve) and $C_{max}$ by 10% and 13% respectively.	No dose adjustment is required for either drug.
Ketoconazole	CT	Coadministration of ketoconazole, a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor, with a single dose of tofacitinib increased the AUC and $C_{max}$ of tofacitinib by 103% and 16%, respectively	The recommended dose is half the daily dose indicated for patients not receiving strong CYP3A4 inhibitors concomitantly, i.e., in patients already taking:  Tofacitinib 10 mg BID, reduce the dose to Tofacitinib 5 mg BID, or Tofacitinib 5 mg BID, reduce the dose to TARO-TOFACITINIB 5 mg once daily.

Drug	Reference	Effect	Clinical Comment
Fluconazole	CT	Coadministration of fluconazole, a moderate inhibitor of CYP3A4 and a strong inhibitor of CYP2C19, increased the AUC and C <sub>max</sub> of tofacitinib by 79% and 27%, respectively	The recommended dose is half the daily dose indicated for patients not receiving concomitant medications that result in moderate inhibition of CYP3A4 and potent inhibition of CYP2C19, i.e., in patients already taking:  Tofacitinib 10 mg BID, reduce the dose to Tofacitinib 5 mg BID, or Tofacitinib 5 mg BID, reduce the dose to Tofacitinib 5 mg once daily.
Tacrolimus and Cyclosporine	CT	Coadministration of tacrolimus, a mild inhibitor of CYP3A4, increased the AUC of tofacitinib by 21% and decreased the C <sub>max</sub> of tofacitinib by 9%.  Coadministration of cyclosporine, a moderate inhibitor of CYP3A4, increased the AUC of tofacitinib by 73% and decreased C <sub>max</sub> of tofacitinib by 17%.	There is a risk of added immunosuppression when tofacitinib co-administered with potent immunosuppressive drugs (e.g: tacrolimus, cyclosporine, azathioprine). The combined use with these potent immunosuppressives has not been studied in patients and is not recommended.
Rifampin	CT	Coadministration of rifampin, a strong CYP3A4 inducer, decreased the AUC and C <sub>max</sub> of tofacitinib by 84% and 74%, respectively	Coadministration of tofacitinib with potent inducers of CYP3A4 may result in loss of or reduced clinical response /efficacy.
Midazolam	CT	Coadministration of tofacitinib with midazolam, a highly sensitive CYP3A4 substrate, had no effect on midazolam PK	No dosage adjustment is required for CYP3A4 substrates such as midazolam.
Oral contraceptives (Ethinyl Estradiol and Levonorgestrel)	CT	Coadministration of tofacitinib with oral contraceptives had no effect on the PK of either oral contraceptive in healthy females	No dose adjustment is required for either oral contraceptives (ethinyl estradiol and levonorgestrel).
Metformin	CT	Coadministration of tofacitinib with metformin, a substrate of Organic Cationic Transporter and Multidrug and Toxic Compound Extrusion, had no effect on the PK of metformin	No dosage adjustment is required for metformin.

Legend: C = Case Study; CT = Clinical Trial; T = Theoretical

The impact of extrinsic factors on tofacitinib pharmacokinetics is summarized in Figure 1 and 2 with dosage adjustment recommendations.

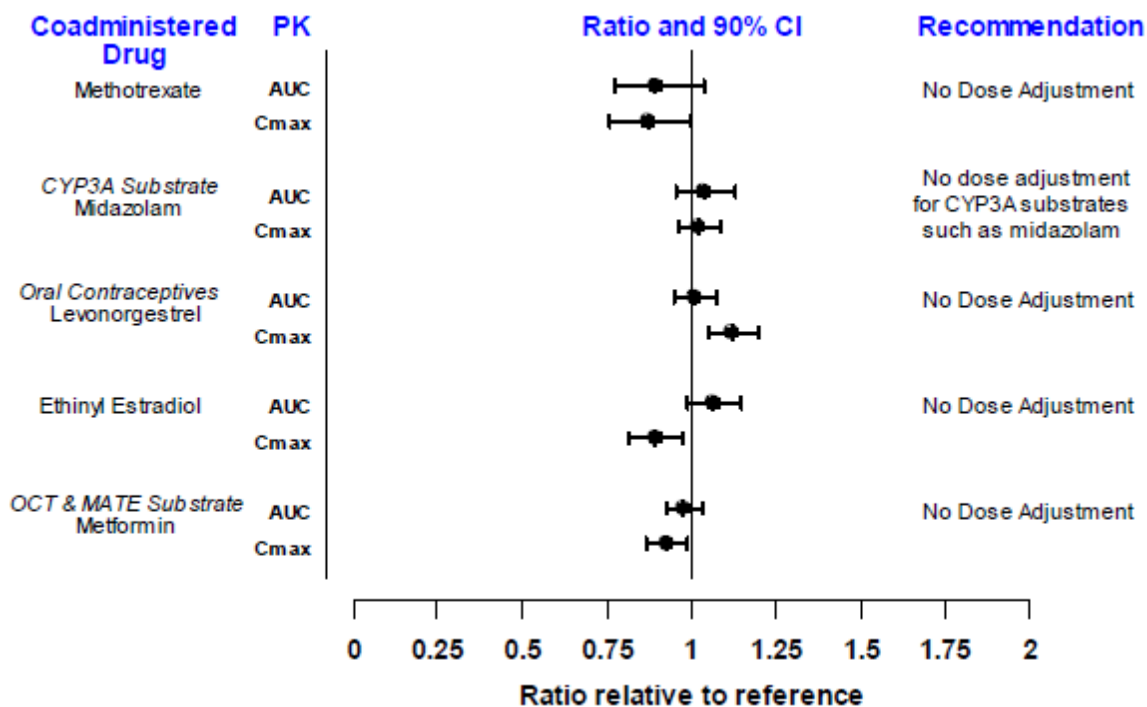
**Figure 1: Impact of Co-administered of drugs on Pharmacokinetics Tofacitinib**



Note: Reference group is administration of tofacitinib alone; PK=Pharmacokinetics; CI=Confidence Interval

<sup>a</sup> In RA patients the recommended dose is tofacitinib 5 mg once daily. In UC patients receiving 10 mg BID, tofacitinib dosage should be reduced to 5 mg BID, and in UC patients receiving 5 mg BID, tofacitinib dosage should be reduced to 5 mg once daily.

**Figure 2: Impact of Tofacitinib on Pharmacokinetics of Co-administered Drugs**



Note: Reference group is administration of concomitant medication alone; OCT = Organic Cationic Transporter; MATE = Multidrug and Toxic Compound Extrusion; PK=Pharmacokinetics; CI=Confidence Interval

### **Drugs that Decrease Heart Rate and/or Prolong the PR Interval**

Tofacitinib resulted in a decrease in heart rate and an increase in the PR interval (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#) and [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)). Caution should be observed if tofacitinib is used concomitantly with other drugs that lower heart rate and/or prolong the PR interval, such as antiarrhythmics, beta blockers, alpha<sub>2</sub> adrenoceptor agonists, non-dihydropyridine calcium channel blockers, digitalis glycosides, cholinesterase inhibitors, sphingosine-1 phosphate receptor modulators, and some HIV protease inhibitors.

### **Combination with other therapies**

Tofacitinib has not been studied and is not indicated to be used in combination with biologics such as TNF antagonists, interleukin (IL)-1R antagonists, IL-6R antagonists, IL-17 antagonists, IL-12/IL-23 antagonists, anti-CD20 monoclonal antibodies, anti-integrins, selective co-stimulation modulators, and potent immunosuppressants such as azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, cyclosporine, and tacrolimus because of the possibility of increased immunosuppression and increased risk of infection.

The use of tofacitinib in combination with phosphodiesterase 4 inhibitors has not been studied in tofacitinib clinical trials.

### **9.5 Drug-Food Interactions**

Grapefruit juice affects CYP450 3A-mediated metabolism and concomitant administration with TARO-TOFACITINIB should be avoided.

### **9.6 Drug-Herb Interactions**

St John's Wort is a CYP3A4 inducer and co-administration with TARO-TOFACITINIB may result in loss of or reduced clinical response.



## 9.7 Drug-Laboratory Test Interactions

Interactions with laboratory tests have not been established.

## 10 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 10.1 Mechanism of Action

Tofacitinib is a potent, selective inhibitor of the JAK family of kinases with a high degree of selectivity against other kinases in the human genome. In kinase assays, tofacitinib, inhibits JAK1, JAK2, JAK3, and to a lesser extent TyK2. In cellular settings where JAK kinases signal in pairs, tofacitinib preferentially inhibits signaling by heterodimeric receptors associated with JAK3 and/or JAK1 with functional selectivity over receptors that signal via pairs of JAK2. Inhibition of JAK1 and JAK3 by tofacitinib blocks signaling through the common gamma chain-containing receptors for several cytokines, including IL-2, -4, -7, -9, -15, and -21. These cytokines are integral to lymphocyte activation, proliferation, and function and inhibition of their signaling may thus result in modulation of multiple aspects of the immune response. In addition, inhibition of JAK1 will result in attenuation of signaling by additional pro-inflammatory cytokines, such as IL-6 and Type I interferons. At higher exposures, inhibition of erythropoietin signaling could occur via inhibition of JAK2 signaling.

### 10.2 Pharmacodynamics

In patients with RA, treatment with tofacitinib was associated with dose-dependent reductions of circulating CD16/56+ natural killer cells, with estimated maximum reductions occurring at approximately 8-10 weeks after initiation of therapy. These changes generally resolved within 2-6 weeks after discontinuation of treatment. Treatment with tofacitinib was associated with dose-dependent increases in B cell counts. Changes in circulating T-lymphocyte counts and T-lymphocyte subsets were small and inconsistent. The clinical significance of these changes is unknown.

Changes in total serum IgG, M, and A levels over 6-month dosing of patients with RA were small, not dose-dependent and similar to those seen on placebo.

After treatment with tofacitinib in patients with RA, rapid decreases in serum C-reactive protein (CRP) were observed and maintained throughout dosing. Changes in CRP observed with tofacitinib treatment do not reverse fully within 2 weeks after discontinuation, indicating a longer duration of pharmacodynamic activity compared to the half-life.

In a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in 200 adult RA patients treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID or placebo, humoral responses to concomitant pneumococcal and influenza vaccines were assessed. The percentages of patients achieving a satisfactory humoral response to pneumococcal vaccines were lower for the tofacitinib group than the placebo group. This effect was more pronounced for patients receiving background methotrexate. A total of 31.6% tofacitinib-treated subjects and 61.8% placebo-treated subjects who received background methotrexate achieved a  $\geq 2$ -fold increase in antibody concentrations to  $\geq 6$  of 12 pneumococcal antigens.

In the same study, the proportion of patients achieving protective antibody levels to the influenza antigens was lower in the tofacitinib group (64.9%) compared to the placebo group (92.7%) in patients receiving background methotrexate. However, the difference in humoral response to the influenza vaccine was small with 50.9% of patients in the tofacitinib group and

58.2% in the placebo group with background methotrexate achieving a  $\geq 4$ -fold increase in antibody titers to  $\geq 2$  of 3 influenza antigens.

Similar changes in T cells, B cells and serum CRP have been observed in patients with active PsA, although reversibility was not assessed. Total serum immunoglobulins were not assessed in patients with active PsA.

Patients with UC were not studied.

### **10.3 Pharmacokinetics (PK)**

#### **Tofacitinib (as tofacitinib citrate)**

Following oral administration of tofacitinib, the PK profile of tofacitinib is characterized by rapid absorption (peak plasma concentrations are reached within 0.5-1 hour), rapid elimination (half-life of  $\sim 3$  hours) and dose-proportional increases in systemic exposure in the therapeutic dose range. Steady state concentrations are achieved in 24-48 hours with negligible accumulation after BID administration.

A geometric mean accumulation ratio (Rac) of 1.12 following BID dosing indicates little difference between single dose and steady state concentrations as well as the predictability of steady state PK from single dose data. The dose-AUC relationship was adequately described by a linear model fit to log-both sides transformed data while the dose- $C_{max}$  relationship were best described by a nonlinear sigmoidal, hyperbolic model fit to log-transformed  $C_{max}$  data. Although the nonlinear model provided better description of the dose- $C_{max}$  relationship relative to a linear model, when compared to 5 mg, the mean model predicted relative changes in dose-normalized  $C_{max}$  were approximately +7% for 10 mg, +2% for 30 mg, and -10% for 50 mg doses. These small changes from linearity support the conclusion that tofacitinib  $C_{max}$  is approximately dose proportional at least up to 5 times the 10 mg dose.

#### **Pharmacokinetics in Patients with Moderately to Severely Active UC**

Population PK analysis in UC patients indicated that PK characteristics were similar to that of RA patients. There were no clinically relevant differences in tofacitinib exposure (AUC), based on age, weight, gender and race, after accounting for differences in renal function (i.e., creatinine clearance) between patients. The between-subject variability (% coefficient of variation) in AUC of tofacitinib is estimated to be approximately 23% to 25% in UC patients.

#### **Absorption:**

##### **Tofacitinib (as tofacitinib citrate)**

Tofacitinib is well-absorbed, with an absolute oral bioavailability of 74% following administration of tofacitinib. Coadministration of tofacitinib with a high-fat meal resulted in no changes in AUC while  $C_{max}$  was reduced by 32%. In clinical trials, tofacitinib was administered without regard to meal.

#### **Distribution:**

After intravenous administration, the volume of distribution is 87 L. The protein binding of tofacitinib is  $\sim 40\%$ ). Tofacitinib binds predominantly to albumin and does not appear to bind to  $\alpha 1$ -acid glycoprotein. Tofacitinib distributes equally between red blood cells and plasma.

#### **Metabolism:**

Clearance mechanisms for tofacitinib are approximately 70% hepatic metabolism and 30% renal excretion of the parent drug. The metabolism of tofacitinib is primarily mediated by CYP3A4 with

minor contribution from CYP2C19. In a human radiolabeled study, more than 65% of the total circulating radioactivity was accounted for by unchanged tofacitinib, with the remaining 35% attributed to 8 metabolites, each accounting for less than 8% of total radioactivity. The pharmacologic activity of tofacitinib is attributed to the parent molecule.

**Elimination:**

Approximately 94% of a radioactive dose of tofacitinib was recovered from the urine (80%) and feces (14%), with the majority of excreted radioactivity recovered within 24 hours after dosing.

**Table 18: Summary of Tofacitinib Pharmacokinetic Parameters after Repeated Oral Administration of Tofacitinib 10 mg BID or Single IV Administration in Humans**

	Oral Administration			IV Administration	
	C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)	t <sub>½</sub> (h)	AUC <sub>0-12hrs</sub> (ng·h/mL)	Clearance (L/h)	Volume of distribution (L)
Healthy Volunteers	79.4	3.0	311	25	87
RA Patients	116	3.62	507	N/A (no IV data)	N/A (no IV data)
PsA Patients	88.9	3.74	436	N/A (no IV data)	N/A (no IV data)
UC Patients	91	3.05	404	N/A (no IV data)	N/A (no IV data)

N/A = Not available; C<sub>max</sub> = maximum plasma concentration; t<sub>½</sub> = terminal elimination half-life; AUC<sub>0-12</sub> = area under the plasma concentration-time curve from time 0 to 12 hours post dose; CL = total systemic clearance; V<sub>ss</sub> = volume of distribution at steady state.

**Special Populations and Conditions**

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**Pediatrics (<18 years of age):** The pharmacokinetics, safety and effectiveness of tofacitinib in pediatric patients have not been established; therefore, TARO-TOFACITINIB should not be used in this patient population. Pharmacokinetic of tofacitinib was characterized in an open-label, non-randomized, multi-center, Phase 1 study conducted in pediatric patients (aged from 2 to less than 18 years) with juvenile idiopathic arthritis. A total of 26 patients were enrolled in this study and treated at dosing regimens based on the children’s age and body weight. The study consisted of 3 cohorts based on subject age with at least 8 subjects per cohort. Based on limited plasma data, the PK profile of tofacitinib appears to be characterized by a rapid absorption (peak plasma concentrations were reached within 0.5-1 hour) and a rapid elimination. The average half-lives for tofacitinib were approximately 2.6h, 1.9h, and 1.8h for the Cohorts 1 (12 to <18 years), 2 (6 to <12 years) and 3 (2 to <6 years), respectively, with individual values ranging from 1.4 to 3.1h across all cohorts.

**Geriatrics (>65 years of age):** Population PK analysis in RA patients indicated that geriatric patients 80 years of age were estimated to have <5% higher tofacitinib AUC relative to the mean age of 55 years. Of the 3315 patients who enrolled in studies I to V, a total of 505 (15%) RA patients were 65 years of age and older, including 71 (2%) patients 75 years and older. The frequency of serious infection and other events among tofacitinib treated subjects 65 years of

age and older was higher than those under the age of 65.

Of the 4362 patients enrolled in Study RA-VI, 1353 patients were 65 years of age and older (891 patients were treated with tofacitinib and 462 patients were treated with TNFi), including 183 patients over 70 years of age (115 patients treated with tofacitinib and 68 patients treated with TNFi). The frequency of adverse events (including serious infections, all-cause mortality, cardiovascular events, malignancies, non-melanoma skin cancer, gastrointestinal perforations, interstitial lung disease, venous thromboembolism, and arterial thromboembolism) in patients 65 years of age and older was higher than among those under the age of 65.

There were not enough geriatric patients treated with tofacitinib (n=77) in the UC program to adequately study the effects of tofacitinib in this population. As there is a higher incidence of infections in the geriatric population in general, caution should be used when treating the geriatric (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

**Sex:** Based on population PK analysis, female RA patients were estimated to have 7% lower tofacitinib AUC compared to male RA patients. Female UC patients were estimated to have 15.2% higher tofacitinib AUC compared to male UC patients.

**Race:** In RA patients, no major differences (<5%) were estimated in tofacitinib AUC between White, Black and Asian RA patients by population PK analysis. In UC patients, population PK analysis indicated that Asian patients had 7.3% higher tofacitinib AUC compared to non-Asian patients. There was a higher incidence of adverse events in Asian patients. Therefore, TARO-TOFACITINIB should be used with caution in Asian patients (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

**Body Weight:** Population PK analysis in RA patients indicated that systemic exposure (AUC) of tofacitinib in the extremes of body weight (40 kg, 140 kg) were similar to that of a 70 kg patient. An approximately linear relationship between body weight and volume of distribution was observed, resulting in higher peak ( $C_{max}$ ) and lower trough ( $C_{min}$ ) concentrations in lighter patients. However, this difference is not considered to be clinically relevant. The between-subject variability (% coefficient of variation) in AUC of tofacitinib is estimated to be approximately 27%. Population PK analysis in UC patients also indicated that tofacitinib AUC did not significantly change with patient body weight.

**Hepatic Impairment:** TARO-TOFACITINIB is contraindicated in patients with severe hepatic impairment (see [2 CONTRAINDICATIONS](#)). Subjects with mild and moderate hepatic impairment had 3%, and 65% higher tofacitinib AUC, respectively, compared with healthy subjects.

No dose adjustment of TARO-TOFACITINIB is required in patients with mild hepatic impairment.

The recommended total daily dose in patients with moderate hepatic impairment is half the total daily dose recommended for patients with normal hepatic function. The recommended dose is TARO-TOFACITINIB 5 mg BID when the indicated dose in the presence of normal hepatic function is TARO-TOFACITINIB 10 mg BID; the recommended dose is TARO-TOFACITINIB 5 mg once daily when the indicated dose in the presence of normal hepatic function is TARO-TOFACITINIB 5 mg BID (see [4 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION](#)).

Tofacitinib has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment or in patients with positive hepatitis B virus or hepatitis C virus serology and should not be used in these populations.

**Renal Impairment:** Subjects with mild, moderate, and severe renal impairment had 37%, 43% and 123% higher tofacitinib AUC, respectively, compared with healthy subjects. In subjects with ESRD undergoing hemodialysis, the contribution of dialysis to the total clearance of tofacitinib was relatively small.

In subjects with ESRD undergoing hemodialysis, mean AUC was approximately 40% higher compared with historical healthy subject data, consistent with approximately 30% contribution of renal clearance to the total clearance of tofacitinib. Dose adjustment is recommended in ESRD patients undergoing hemodialysis (see [4 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION](#)).

No dose adjustment of tofacitinib is required in patients with mild renal impairment.

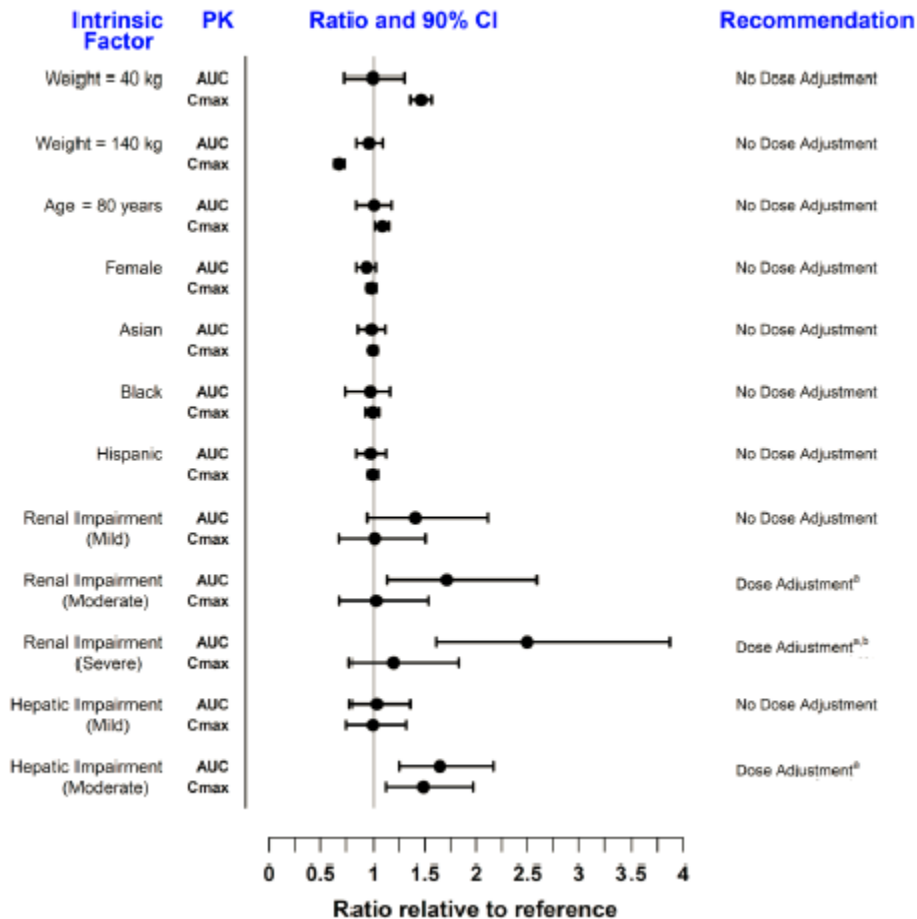
The recommended total daily dose in patients with moderate or severe renal impairment, including patients with ESRD but not limited to those undergoing hemodialysis, is half the total daily dose recommended for patients with normal renal function. The recommended dose is tofacitinib 5 mg BID when the indicated dose in the presence of normal renal function is tofacitinib 10 mg BID; the recommended dose is tofacitinib 5 mg once daily when the indicated dose in the presence of normal renal function is tofacitinib 5 mg BID (see [4 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION](#)).

In clinical trials, tofacitinib was not evaluated in patients with baseline creatinine clearance values (estimated by the Cockcroft-Gault equation) less than 40 mL/min.

**Genetic Polymorphism:** Mean C<sub>max</sub> and AUC<sub>0-∞</sub> values of tofacitinib following administration of tofacitinib in poor metabolizers of CYP2C19 (carriers of CYP2C19\*2/\*2, CYP2C19\*2/\*3 or CYP2C19\*3/\*3 alleles) were approximately 15% and 17% greater, respectively, than those in normal metabolizers, indicating that CYP2C19 is a minor contributor of tofacitinib clearance.

The impact of intrinsic factors on tofacitinib following administration of tofacitinib pharmacokinetics is summarized in Figure 3 with dosage adjustment recommendations.

**Figure 3: Impact of Intrinsic Factors on Tofacitinib Pharmacokinetics**



PK=Pharmacokinetics; CI=Confidence Interval

Note: Reference values for weight, age, gender, and race comparisons are 70 kg, 55 years, male, and white, respectively; reference groups for renal and hepatic impairment data are subjects with normal renal and hepatic function.

<sup>a</sup> In RA patients the recommended dose is tofacitinib 5 mg once daily. In UC patients the recommended dose is half the total daily dose indicated for patients with normal renal and hepatic function, i.e., the recommended dose is tofacitinib 5 mg BID when the indicated dose in the presence of normal renal and hepatic function is tofacitinib 10 mg BID, and the recommended dose is tofacitinib 5 mg once daily when the indicated dose in the presence of normal renal and hepatic function is tofacitinib 5 mg BID.

<sup>b</sup> Supplemental doses are not necessary in patients after dialysis.

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Results from population PK analysis in patients with active PsA were consistent with those in patients with RA.

### 11 STORAGE, STABILITY AND DISPOSAL

Store between 15°C and 30°C.

### 12 SPECIAL HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

This information is not available for this drug product.

### PART II: SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

## 13 PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION

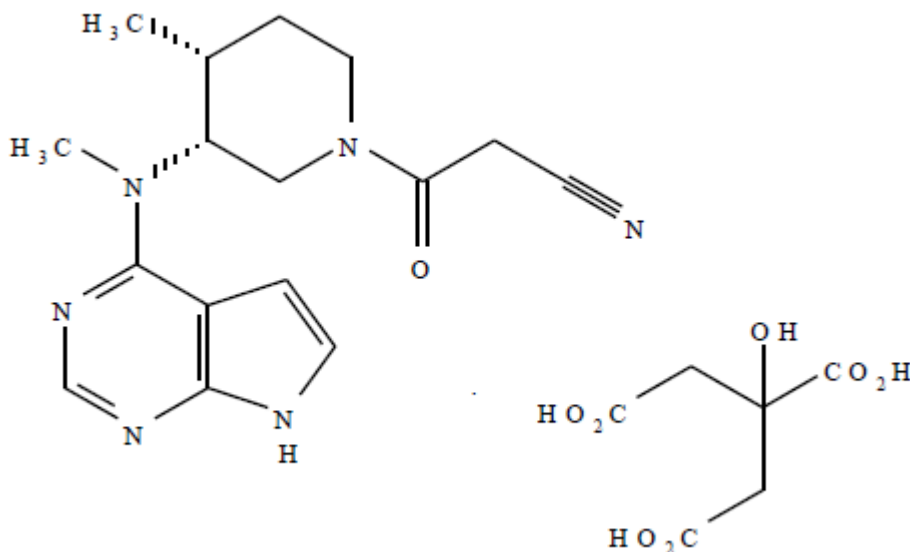
### Drug Substance

Proper name: tofacitinib, CP-690,550 is the citrate salt.

Chemical name: (3R,4R)- 4-methyl-3-(methyl-7H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-ylamino)-β-oxo-1-piperidinepropanenitrile, 2-hydroxy-1,2,3-propanetricarboxylate (1:1) .

Molecular formula and molecular mass: of  $C_{16}H_{20}N_6O \cdot C_6H_8O_7$ , 504.5 g/mol

The Structural formula:



Physicochemical properties: Tofacitinib Citrate is a white to off-white powder. The solubility of tofacitinib citrate in water is 2.38 mg/mL.

## 14 CLINICAL TRIALS

### 14.1 Clinical Trials by Indication

#### Rheumatoid Arthritis

##### Description of Clinical Studies

The efficacy and safety of tofacitinib were assessed in five randomized, double-blind, multicenter studies in patients  $\geq 18$  years with active RA diagnosed according to American College of Rheumatology (ACR) criteria. Patients had  $\geq 6$  tender and  $\geq 6$  swollen joints at randomization ( $\geq 4$  swollen and  $\geq 4$  tender joints for Study II). Tofacitinib, 5 or 10 mg BID, was given as monotherapy (Study I) and in combination with nonbiologic DMARDs (Study II) in patients with an inadequate response to DMARDs (nonbiologic or biologic). Tofacitinib, 5 or 10 mg BID, was given in combination with methotrexate in patients with either an inadequate response to MTX (Studies III and Study IV) or inadequate efficacy or lack of tolerance to at least one approved TNF-inhibiting biologic agent (Study V).

The primary endpoints for Studies I and V were the proportion of patients who achieved an ACR20 response, mean change from baseline in HAQ-DI and proportion of patients who achieved DAS28-4(ESR) less than 2.6 at Month 3. The primary endpoints for Studies II, III, and IV were the proportion of patients who achieved an ACR20 response at Month 6, mean change from baseline

in HAQ-DI at Month 3 and proportion of patients who achieved DAS28-4(ESR) less than 2.6 at Month 6. Baseline demographics were generally similar among the treatment groups in each study and comparable between the studies. The mean age ranged from 50 to 56 years. Most (80 to 87%) of the patients were female. With the exception of Study A3921044 (46%), the majority (55% to 86%) of the patients in each study were white. The baseline demographics in each study are shown in Table 19.

Study RA-VI (A3921133) was a randomized, open-label (blinded endpoint), 3-arm parallel-group, multicenter, non-inferiority, safety endpoint study in patients with a diagnosis of moderate to severe active RA and on a stable dose of methotrexate. This study included 4,362 treated RA patients who were aged  $\geq 50$  years with at least one additional cardiovascular risk factor beyond RA. CV risk factors defined as: current cigarette smoker, diagnosis of hypertension, diabetes mellitus, family history of premature coronary heart disease, history of coronary artery disease including a history of revascularization procedure, coronary artery bypass grafting, myocardial infarction, cardiac arrest, unstable angina, acute coronary syndrome, and presence of extra-articular disease associated with RA, e.g. nodules, Sjögren's syndrome, anemia of chronic disease, pulmonary manifestations.

Patients were randomized 1:1:1 to tofacitinib 5 mg BID, tofacitinib 10 mg BID or TNFi (adalimumab 40 mg SC every 2 weeks in North America or etanercept 50 mg SC every 1 week in the rest of the world). Notably, following a recommendation by the Data and Safety Monitoring Board in February 2019, the dose of tofacitinib in the 10 mg BID arm of the study was reduced to 5 mg BID after it was determined that the frequency of pulmonary embolism was increased in the tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment arm versus the TNF inhibitor arm. Additionally, all-cause mortality was increased in the tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment arm versus the TNF inhibitor and tofacitinib 5 mg BID treatment arms. In the final study data, patients in the tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment arm were analyzed in their originally randomized treatment group. The co-primary endpoints were adjudicated MACE and adjudicated malignancies (excluding NMSC) and the primary analysis for both co-primary endpoints was non-inferiority testing between the two tofacitinib doses combined relative to the TNF inhibitor control. Results showed that the prespecified non-inferiority criteria for these co-primary endpoints were not met for the primary comparison of the combined tofacitinib doses to TNFi. (see [8 ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)).



## Study demographics and trial design

**Table 19: Summary of patient demographics for clinical trials in RA**

Study #	Trial design	Dosage, route of administration and duration	Study subjects (n)	Age (yrs) Mean (Range)	Female (%)	Mean Disease Duration (yrs)
<b>Background DMARD Studies*</b>						
A3921046 Study II Sync	MC, DB, PG, PC, R, Background DMARD 12 Months	Tofacitinib: 5 mg BID, 10 mg BID Placebo → 5 mg Placebo → 10 mg NR advance to next period at 3 months, All advance to next period at 6 months	792	52.3 (18-86)	81.4	8.1-10.2
A3921064 Study III Standard	MC, DB, PG, PC, R, Background MTX 12 Months	Tofacitinib: 5 mg BID, 10 mg BID Placebo → 5 mg Placebo → 10 mg Adalimumab 40 mg sc QOW NR advance to next period at 3 months, All advance to next period at 6 months.	717	52.9 (18-83)	81.7	6.9-9.0
A3921044 (1-Year Analysis) Study IV Scan	MC, DB, PG, PC, R, Background MTX 24 Months	Tofacitinib: 5 mg BID, 10 mg BID Placebo → 5 mg Placebo → 10 mg NR advance to next period at 3 months, All advance to next period at 6 months	797	[52.0-53.7]**(18-82)	85.2	8.8-9.5
A3921032 Study V Step	MC, DB, PG, PC, R, Background MTX 6 Months	Tofacitinib: 5 mg BID, 10 mg BID Placebo → Tofacitinib 5 mg BID at 3 months Placebo → Tofacitinib 10 mg BID at 3 months	399	55.0 (20-84)	84.0	11.2-13.0

Study #	Trial design	Dosage, route of administration and duration	Study subjects (n)	Age (yrs) Mean (Range)	Female (%)	Mean Disease Duration (yrs)
<b>Monotherapy Studies</b>						
A3921045( Study I) Solo	MC, DB, PG, PC, R 6 Months	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID, 10 mg BID Placebo →5 mg Tofacitinib at 3 months, Placebo → 10 mg BID Tofacitinib at 3 months	610	51.8 (21-81)	86.6	7.3-8.6
Post-authorization safety study						
A3921133 (Study RA-VI) Surveillance	MC, PG, R, OL ~5 Years	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID, 10 mg BID*** Adalimumab 40 mg sc QOW (NA) Etanercept 50 mg sc QW (ROW)	4362	61.15 (50-88)	78.2	10.2-10.4

\*In addition to their randomized treatment, all patients in background DMARD studies also received methotrexate (specified in Studies 1032, 1044, and 1064, permitted in Study 1046) or other DMARDs, mostly methotrexate (Study 1046).

\*\* Range of mean across treatment groups.

\*\*\* The tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment group consists of data from patients that were switched from tofacitinib 10 mg BID to tofacitinib 5 mg BID during the trial as a result of a study modification following a recommendation by the Data and Safety Monitoring Board in February 2019

N = number of patients randomized, MC = multicenter, DB = double blind, PG = parallel group, PC = placebo controlled, R = randomized, NR = nonresponder (patient who failed to improve at Month 3 by at least 20% from baseline in the number of swollen and tender/painful joint count), MTX = methotrexate, DMARD = disease-modifying antirheumatic drug, sc = subcutaneous, QW = every week, QOW = every other week, LT = long term, OL = open label, NA = North America, ROW = Rest of world.

## Study Results

### *Clinical Response:*

In Studies I and V, patients treated with 5 mg BID tofacitinib had statistically superior ACR20, ACR50, and ACR70 response rates at month 3 vs. placebo-treated patients. In Studies II, III and IV, patients treated with 5 mg BID tofacitinib had statistically superior ACR20, ACR50, and ACR70 response rates at month 3 and 6 vs placebo-treated patients (Table 20). In Studies I, II and V, improvement in ACR20 response rate vs. placebo was observed within 2 weeks. In studies II, III, and IV, ACR response rates were maintained to 12 months in tofacitinib treated patients.

The percent of ACR20 responders by visit for study IV is shown in Figure 4. Similar responses were observed in Studies I, II, III and V.

The proportion of patients with DAS28-4(ESR) less than 2.6 for each study is summarized in Table 21.

### *Physical Function Response:*

Improvement in physical functioning was measured by the HAQ-DI. Patients receiving tofacitinib 5 mg BID demonstrated significantly greater improvement from baseline in physical functioning compared to placebo at month 3 (Studies I, II, III, and V). Tofacitinib 5 mg BID treated patients exhibited significantly greater improved physical functioning compared to placebo as early as week 2 in Studies I and II. In Study III, mean HAQ-DI improvements were maintained to 12 months in tofacitinib -treated patients. At month 3, patients in the tofacitinib 5 mg BID had decreases from baseline in HAQ-DI values (Table 23) which were not less than those of adalimumab-treated patients.

**Table 20: Proportion of Patients with an ACR Response**

	Percent of Patients										
	Monotherapy		DMARD Inadequate Responders		MTX Inadequate Responders			MTX Inadequate Responders		TNF Inhibitor Inadequate Responders	
	Study I (SOLO)		Study II (SYNC)		Study III (Standard)			Study IV (SCAN)		Study V (STEP)	
Response Rate	PBO N=120	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID N=241	PBO+ DMARD N=157	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID + DMARD N=311	PBO+ MTX N=106	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID + MTX N=196	ADA 40mg QW + MTX N=199	PBO + MTX N=154	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID + MTX N=309	PBO N=131	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID + MTX N=132
<b>ACR20<sup>†</sup></b>											
Month 3	27%	60%***	27%	56%***	26%	61%***	56%***	27%	56%***	24%	42%*
Month 6	NA	69%	31%	53%***	28%	52%***	47%**	25%	51%***	NA	52%
<b>ACR50<sup>††</sup></b>											
Month 3	13%	31%***	10%	27%***	7%	34%***	24%***	8%	29%***	8%	27%***
Month 6	NA	42%	13%	34%***	12%	37%***	28%**	8%	32%***	NA	37%
<b>ACR70<sup>††</sup></b>											
Month 3	6%	15%*	2%	8%**	2%	12%**	9%*	3%	11%**	2% NA	14%**
Month 6	NA	22%	3%	13%***	2%	20%***	9%*	1%	15%***		16%

\*  $p < 0.05$ , tofacitinib vs. placebo + MTX/DMARD

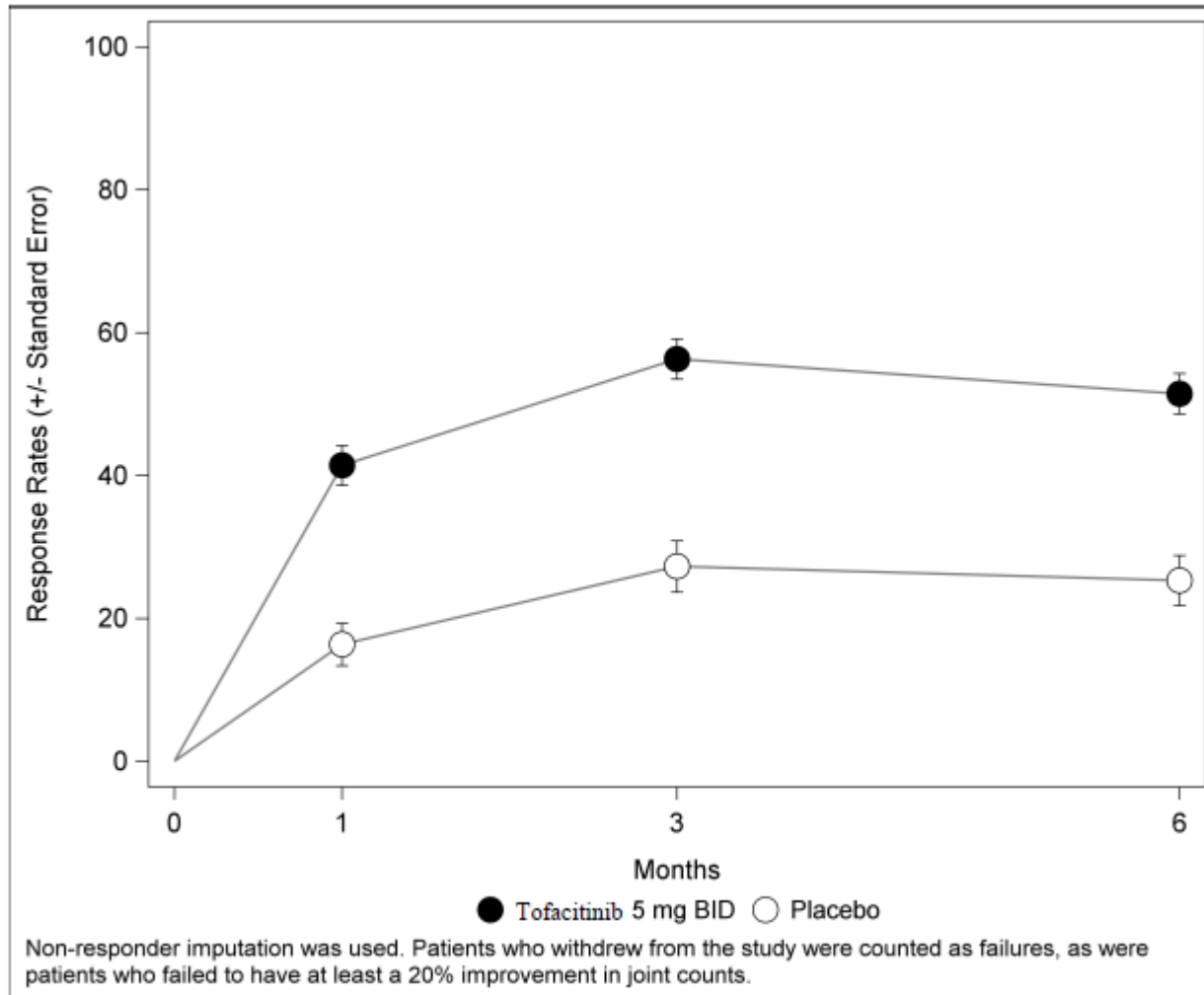
\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , tofacitinib vs. placebo + MTX/DMARD

\*\*\*  $p < 0.0001$ , tofacitinib vs. placebo + MTX/DMARD

† Primary endpoint, Type I error controlled

†† Secondary Endpoint, Type I error not controlled

Figure 4: Percentage of ACR20 Responders by Visit for Study IV



**Table 21: Proportion of Patients with DAS28-4(ESR) Less Than 2.6**

DAS28-4 (ESR) Less Than 2.6	Monotherapy		DMARD Inadequate Responders		MTX Inadequate Responders			MTX Inadequate Responders		TNF Inhibitor Inadequate Responders	
	Study I (SOLO)		Study II (SYNC)		Study III (Standard)			Study IV (SCAN)		Study V (STEP)	
	PBO N=122	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID N=243	PBO + DMARD N=159	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID + DMARD N=315	PBO + MTX N=108	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID + MTX N=204	ADA 40mg QW + MTX N=204	PBO + MTX N=160	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID + MTX N=321	PBO N=132	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID + MTX N=133
Proportion of responders at Month 3 (n)	4% (5)	5% (13)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2% (2)	6% (8)
Proportion of Responders at Month 6 (n)	NA	NA	3% (4)	8%* (24)	1% (1)	5% (11)	6%* (12)	1% (2)	6%†(19)	NA	NA

\*Statistically significant (p<0.05)

†Statistical significance could not be declared in Study IV due to Step-down procedure

BID = twice daily, DAS = Disease Activity Score, ESR = erythrocyte sedimentation rate, N =number of patients, n = number of patients meeting pre-specified criteria

**Table 22: Mean Change from Baseline in HAQ-DI**

	Monotherapy		DMARD Inadequate Responders		MTX Inadequate Responders			MTX Inadequate Responders		TNF Inhibitor Inadequate Responders	
	Study I (SOLO)		Study II (SYNC)		Study III (Standard)			Study IV (SCAN)		Study V (STEP)	
LS Mean Change in HAQ-DI	PBO  N=109	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID  N=237	PBO + DMARD  N=147	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID + DMARD  N=292	PBO + MTX  N=98	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID + MTX  N=188	ADA 40mg QW + MTX  N=190	PBO + MTX  N=146	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID + MTX  N=294	PBO  N=118	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID + MTX  N=117
Month 3*	-0.22	-0.51***	-0.21	-0.47***	-0.25	-0.56***	-0.51***	-0.15	-0.4†	-0.18	-0.43**

\* Primary efficacy time point

\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , tofacitinib vs. placebo + MTX/DMARD

- \*\*\*  $p < 0.0001$ , tofacitinib vs. placebo + MTX/DMARD

† Statistical significance could not be declared in Study IV due to Step-down procedure

BID = twice daily, CI = confidence interval, FAS = full analysis set, LS = least squares, N = number of patients.

Results are obtained from a longitudinal linear model with change from baseline as a dependent variable and treatment, baseline, visit, region as fixed effects and patient as random effect.

## Psoriatic Arthritis

### Description of Clinical Studies

The efficacy and safety of tofacitinib were assessed in 2 multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trials in 816 patients 18 years of age and older with active psoriatic arthritis. All patients had active psoriatic arthritis for at least 6 months based upon the Classification Criteria for Psoriatic Arthritis (CASPAR), at least 3 tender/painful joints and at least 3 swollen joints at screening and baseline, and active plaque psoriasis at screening. Patients with different psoriatic arthritis subtypes (not mutually exclusive) were enrolled across the 2 clinical trials, including <5 joints or asymmetric involvement (21%), ≥5 joints involved (90%), distal interphalangeal (DIP) joint involvement (61%), arthritis mutilans (8%), enthesitis (80%), dactylitis (53%), total psoriatic body surface area (BSA) >3% (69%), and spondylitis (19%). Patients in these clinical trials had a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis for a median of 5.5 years (median range 3.0-6.0 years). Of the study population randomized in the double-blind, controlled clinical studies, 54.2% were female and 94.6% were white. The mean age was 48.9 years; 77 (9.4%) patients were 65 years of age or older. All patients were required to receive treatment with a stable dose of a conventional synthetic DMARD (csDMARD; 78% received methotrexate, 13% received sulfasalazine, 7% received leflunomide, 1% received other csDMARDs) and were allowed to receive a stable low dose of oral corticosteroids (21% received equivalent to ≤10 mg/day of prednisone) and/or nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs; 57% received). In both clinical trials, the primary endpoints were the ACR20 response and the change in HAQ-DI at Month 3.

Study PsA-I (A3921091) was a 12-month clinical trial in 422 patients who had an inadequate response to a csDMARD (67% and 33% were inadequate responders to 1 csDMARD and ≥2 csDMARDs, respectively) and who were naïve to treatment with a TNF-inhibitor biologic DMARD (TNFi). Patients were randomized in a 2:2:2:1:1 ratio to receive tofacitinib 5 mg BID, tofacitinib 10 mg BID, adalimumab 40 mg subcutaneously once every 2 weeks, placebo to tofacitinib 5 mg BID treatment sequence, or placebo to tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment sequence, respectively; study drug was added to background csDMARD treatment. At the Month 3 visit, all patients randomized to placebo treatment were advanced in a blinded fashion to a predetermined tofacitinib dose of 5 mg or 10 mg BID. Study PsA-I was not designed to demonstrate non-inferiority or superiority to adalimumab.

Study PsA-II (A3921125) was a 6-month clinical trial in 394 patients who had an inadequate response to at least 1 approved TNFi (66%, 19% and 15% were inadequate responders to 1 TNFi, 2 TNFi, and ≥3 TNFi, respectively). Patients were randomized in a 2:2:1:1 ratio to receive tofacitinib 5 mg BID, tofacitinib 10 mg BID, placebo to tofacitinib 5 mg BID treatment sequence, or placebo to tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment sequence, respectively; study drug was added to background csDMARD treatment. At the Month 3 visit, placebo patients were advanced in a blinded fashion to a predetermined tofacitinib dose of 5 mg or 10 mg BID as in Study PsA-I.

### Clinical Response:

#### *Signs and symptoms*

At Month 3, patients treated with tofacitinib 5 mg BID had higher ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) response rates



versus placebo for ACR20, ACR50, and ACR70 in Study PsA-I and for ACR20 and ACR50 in Study PsA-II; ACR70 response rate was also higher for tofacitinib 5 mg BID versus placebo in Study PsA-II, although the difference versus placebo was not statistically significant ( $p>0.05$ ) (Table 23).

**Table 23: Proportion (%) of PsA Patients Who Achieved Clinical Response and Mean Change from Baseline in PsA-I and PsA-II Studies**

	Conventional Synthetic DMARD Inadequate Responders <sup>a</sup> (TNFi-Naïve)			TNFi Inadequate Responders <sup>b</sup>	
	Study PsA-I			Study PsA-II <sup>c</sup>	
Treatment Group	Placebo	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID	Adalimumab 40 mg SC q2W <sup>f</sup>	Placebo	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID
N	105	107	106	131	131
ACR20					
Month 3	33%	50%*	52%	24%	50%***
Month 6	NA	59%	64%	NA	60%
Month 12	NA	68%	60%	-	-
ACR50					
Month 3	10%	28%**	33%	15%	30%*
Month 6	NA	38%	42%	NA	38%
Month 12	NA	45%	41%	-	-
ACR70					
Month 3	5%	17%*	19%	10%	17%
Month 6	NA	18%	30%	NA	21%
Month 12	NA	23%	29%	-	-
ΔLEI <sup>d</sup>					
Month 3	-0.4	-0.8	-1.1	-0.5	-1.3
Month 6	NA	-1.3	-1.3	NA	-1.5
Month 12	NA	-1.7	-1.6	-	-
ΔDSS <sup>d</sup>					
Month 3	-2.0	-3.5	-4.0	-1.9	-5.2
Month 6	NA	-5.2	-5.4	NA	-6.0
Month 12	NA	-7.4	-6.1	-	-
PASI75 <sup>e</sup>					
Month 3	15%	43%***	39%	14%	21%
Month 6	NA	46%	55%	NA	34%
Month 12	NA	56%	56%	-	-

\*  $p\leq 0.05$ ; \*\*  $p<0.001$ ; \*\*\*  $p<0.0001$  for active treatment versus placebo at Month 3 achieved statistical significance; with the correction for type 1 error.

Abbreviations: BSA=body surface area; ΔLEI=change from baseline in Leeds Enthesitis Index; ΔDSS=change from baseline in Dactylitis Severity Score; ACR20/50/70=American College of Rheumatology  $\geq 20\%$ , 50%, 70% improvement; csDMARD=conventional synthetic disease-modifying antirheumatic drug; N=number of randomised and treated patients; NA=Not applicable, as data for placebo treatment is not available beyond Month 3 due to placebo advanced to tofacitinib 5 mg BID or tofacitinib 10 mg BID; SC q2w=subcutaneously once every 2 weeks; TNFi=tumour necrosis factor inhibitor; PASI=Psoriasis Area and Severity index; PASI75= $\geq 75\%$  improvement in PASI.

<sup>a</sup> Inadequate response to at least 1 csDMARD due to lack of efficacy and/or intolerance.

<sup>b</sup> Inadequate response to a least 1 TNFi due to lack of efficacy and/or intolerability.

<sup>c</sup> Study PsA-II had a duration of 6 months.

<sup>d</sup> Statistical significance cannot be claimed for these endpoints based on step-down testing procedure. Baseline score was >0 in these patients.

<sup>e</sup> For patients with Baseline BSA  $\geq$ 3% and PASI >0.

<sup>f</sup> Arm is not controlled for type 1 error

As with the ACR responses, in patients treated with tofacitinib 5 mg BID in Studies PsA-I and PsA-II, each of the components of the ACR response was consistently improved from baseline at Month 3 including tender/painful and swollen joint counts, patient assessment of arthritis pain, patient and physician's global assessment of arthritis, HAQ-DI, and CRP compared to patients receiving placebo (Table 24).

**Table 24: Components of ACR Response at Baseline and Month 3 in Studies PsA-I and PsA-II**

Treatment Group	Conventional Synthetic DMARD Inadequate Responders (TNFi-Naïve)			TNFi Inadequate Responders	
	Study PsA-I			Study PsA-II	
	Placebo	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID	Adalimumab 40 mg SC q2W	Placebo	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID
N at Baseline	105	107	106	131	131
ACR Component <sup>a</sup>					
Number of tender/painful joints (0-68)					
Baseline	20.6	20.5	17.1	19.8	20.5
Month 3	14.6	12.2	10.8	15.1	11.5
Number of swollen joints (0-66)					
Baseline	11.5	12.9	9.8	10.5	12.1
Month 3	7.1	6.3	4.0	7.7	4.8
Patient assessment of arthritis pain <sup>b</sup>					
Baseline	53.2	55.7	50.7	54.9	56.4
Month 3	44.7	34.7	32.5	48.0	36.1
Patient global assessment of arthritis <sup>b</sup>					
Baseline	53.9	54.7	50.6	55.8	57.4
Month 3	44.4	35.5	32.9	49.2	36.9
HAQ-DI <sup>c</sup>					
Baseline	1.11	1.16	1.10	1.25	1.26
Month 3	0.95	0.81	0.75	1.09	0.88
Physician's Global Assessment of Arthritis <sup>b</sup>					
Baseline	53.8	54.6	50.5	53.7	53.5
Month 3	35.4	29.5	26.3	36.4	27.0

	Conventional Synthetic DMARD Inadequate Responders (TNFi-Naïve)			TNFi Inadequate Responders	
	Study PsA-I			Study PsA-II	
CRP (mg/L)					
Baseline	10.4	10.5	14.3	12.1	13.8
Month 3	8.60	4.02	3.10	11.44	7.72

a Data shown are mean value at baseline and at Month 3

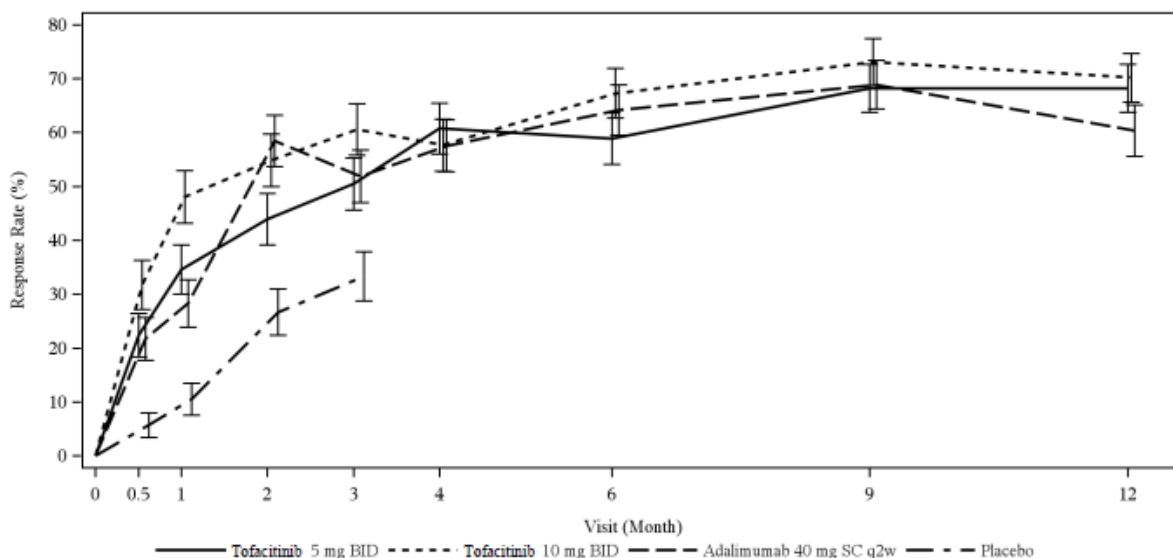
b Visual analog scale (VAS): 0 = best, 100 = worst

c HAQ-DI = Health Assessment Questionnaire – Disability Index: 0 = best, 3 = worst; 20 questions; categories: dressing and grooming, arising, eating, walking, hygiene, reach, grip, and activities

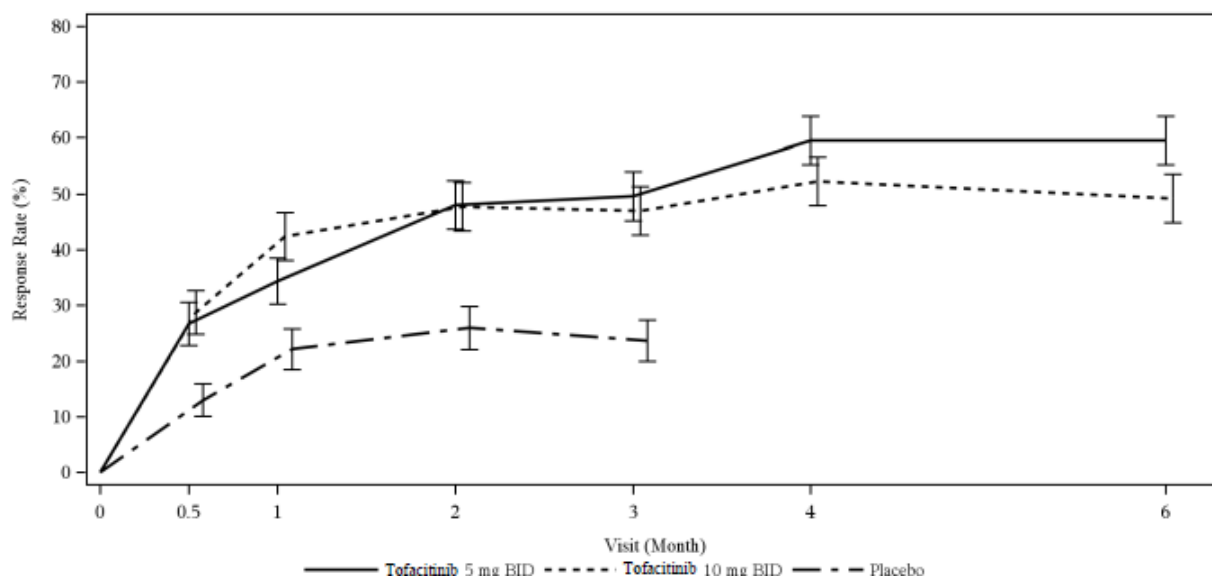
The percentage of ACR20 responders by visit for Studies PsA-I and PsA-II is shown in Figure 5. In tofacitinib -treated patients in both Studies PsA-I and PsA-II, significantly higher ACR20 response rates were observed within 2 weeks compared to placebo (Figure 5).

**Figure 5: Percentage of ACR20 Responders by Visit**

**a) Through Month 12 in Study PsA-I**



**b) Through Month 6 in Study PsA-II<sup>a</sup>**



In Studies PsA-I and PsA-II, the comparison of tofacitinib 5 mg BID, tofacitinib 10 mg BID, and adalimumab (Study PsA-I only) to placebo was significant ( $p$ -value  $\leq 0.05$ ) at Months 0.5, 1, 2, and 3.

BID = twice daily; SC q2w = subcutaneously once every 2 weeks.

Patients randomized to placebo treatment were advanced to either tofacitinib 5 mg or 10 mg BID in a blinded manner at Month 3; results for the tofacitinib portion of the placebo  $\rightarrow$  tofacitinib treatment sequence (i.e., post-Month 3) are not included in the figure to improve readability.

<sup>a</sup> Study PsA-II had a duration of 6 months.

#### Physical Function:

Improvement in physical functioning was measured by the HAQ-DI. Patients receiving tofacitinib 5 mg BID demonstrated greater improvement ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) from baseline in physical functioning compared to placebo at Month 3 (Table 25).

**Table 25: Change from Baseline in HAQ-DI in Studies PsA-I and PsA-II**

Treatment Group	Least Squares Mean Change From Baseline in HAQ-DI				
	Conventional Synthetic DMARD Inadequate Responders <sup>a</sup> (TNFi-Naïve)			TNFi Inadequate Responders <sup>b</sup>	
	Study PsA-I			Study PsA-II	
	Placebo	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID	Adalimumab 40 mg SC q2W <sup>c</sup>	Placebo	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID
N	104	107	106	131	129
Month 3	-0.18	-0.35*	-0.38	-0.14	-0.39***
Month 6	NA	-0.45	-0.43	NA	-0.44
Month 12	NA	-0.54	-0.45	NA	NA

\*  $p \leq 0.05$ ; \*\*\*  $p < 0.0001$  for active treatment versus placebo at Month 3 achieved statistical significance; with the correction for type 1 error.

Abbreviations: DMARD=disease-modifying antirheumatic drug; HAQ-DI=Health Assessment Questionnaire Disability Index; N=total number of patients in the statistical analysis; SC q2w=subcutaneously once every 2 weeks; TNFi=tumour necrosis factor inhibitor; NA=Not applicable, as data for placebo treatment is not available beyond Month 3 due to placebo advanced to tofacitinib 5 mg BID or tofacitinib 10 mg BID.

<sup>a</sup> Inadequate response to at least one conventional synthetic DMARD (csDMARD) due to lack of efficacy and/or intolerability.

<sup>b</sup> Inadequate response to a least one TNF inhibitor (TNFi) due to lack of efficacy and/or intolerability.

<sup>c</sup> Arm is not controlled for type 1 error

The HAQ-DI responder rate (response defined as having decrease from baseline of  $\geq 0.35$ ) at Month 3 in Studies PsA-I and PsA-II was 53% and 50% , respectively in patients receiving tofacitinib 5 mg BID, 31% and 28%, respectively in patients receiving placebo, and 53% in patients receiving adalimumab 40 mg subcutaneously once every 2 weeks (Study PsA-I only).

## Ulcerative Colitis

### Description of Clinical Studies

The efficacy and safety of tofacitinib for the treatment of adult patients with moderately to severely active UC (Mayo score 6 to 12 with endoscopy subscore  $\geq 2$  and rectal bleeding subscore  $\geq 1$ ) were assessed in 3 multicentre, double blind, randomised, placebo controlled studies: 2 identical induction studies OCTAVE Induction 1 and OCTAVE Induction 2 followed by 1 maintenance study OCTAVE Sustain. Enrolled patients had failed at least one conventional therapy, including corticosteroids, immunomodulators, and/or a TNF inhibitor.

Concomitant stable doses of oral aminosalicylates and corticosteroids (prednisone daily dose up to 25 mg equivalent) were permitted with taper of corticosteroids to discontinuation mandated within 15 weeks of entering the maintenance study. Tofacitinib was administered as monotherapy (i.e., without concomitant use of biologics and immunosuppressants) for UC.

**Table 26: Phase 3 Clinical Trials of Tofacitinib 5 and 10 mg BID Doses in Patients with UC**

Studies	OCTAVE Induction 1 (A3921094)	OCTAVE Induction 2 (A3921095)	OCTAVE Sustain (A3921096)
Treatment groups (Randomisation ratio)	Tofacitinib 10 mg BID Placebo (4:1)	Tofacitinib 10 mg BID Placebo (4:1)	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID Tofacitinib 10 mg BID Placebo (1:1:1)
Number of patients enrolled	598	541	593
Study duration	8 weeks	8 weeks	52 weeks
Primary efficacy endpoints	Remission	Remission	Remission
Key secondary efficacy endpoints	Improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa	Improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa	Improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa  Sustained corticosteroid-free remission among patients in remission at baseline
Prior TNFi failure	51.3%	52.1%	44.7%
Prior corticosteroid failure	74.9%	71.3%	75.0%

Studies	OCTAVE Induction 1 (A3921094)	OCTAVE Induction 2 (A3921095)	OCTAVE Sustain (A3921096)
Prior immunosuppressant failure	74.1%	69.5%	69.6%
Baseline corticosteroid use	45.5%	46.8%	48.7%

TNFi=tumour necrosis factor inhibitor

In addition, an open-label long-term extension study (OCTAVE Open) was also performed (see further down for more information)

*Induction Efficacy Data (OCTAVE Induction 1 and OCTAVE Induction 2):*

The primary endpoint of OCTAVE Induction 1 and OCTAVE Induction 2 was the proportion of patients in remission at Week 8 (i.e., a total Mayo score  $\leq 2$  with no individual subscore  $> 1$ , and rectal bleeding subscore of 0). The key secondary endpoint was the proportion of patients with improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa at Week 8. (i.e., endoscopy subscore of 0 or 1). Central endoscopy readings were used for these endpoints.

A significantly greater proportion of patients treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID achieved remission and improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa at Week 8 compared to placebo in both studies, as shown in Table 27.

**Table 27: Proportion of Patients Meeting Efficacy Endpoints at Week 8 (OCTAVE Induction 1 and OCTAVE Induction 2, Central Endoscopy Read)**

Endpoint	OCTAVE Induction 1		
	Placebo	Tofacitinib 10 mg BID	Difference Between Tofacitinib 10 mg BID and Placebo (95% CI)
	<b>N=122</b>	<b>N=476</b>	
Remission <sup>a</sup>	8.2%	18.5%	10.3 (4.3, 16.3) <sup>†</sup>
Improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa <sup>b</sup>	15.6%	31.3%	15.7 (8.1, 23.4) <sup>†</sup>
Endpoint	OCTAVE Induction 2		
	Placebo	Tofacitinib 10 mg BID	Difference Between Tofacitinib 10 mg BID and Placebo (95% CI)
	<b>N=112</b>	<b>N=429</b>	
Remission <sup>a</sup>	3.6%	16.6%	13.0 (8.1, 17.9) <sup>†</sup>
Improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa <sup>b</sup>	11.6%	28.4%	16.8 (9.5, 24.1) <sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup> p<0.001; <sup>‡</sup> <0.05.

N=number of patients in the analysis set.

a. Primary endpoint: Remission was defined as clinical remission (a Mayo score  $\leq 2$  with no individual subscore  $> 1$ ) and rectal bleeding subscore of 0.

b. Key secondary endpoint: improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa was defined as Mayo endoscopy

subscore of 0 (normal or inactive disease) or 1 (erythema, decreased vascular pattern).

In both subgroups of patients with or without prior TNF inhibitor failure, a greater proportion of patients treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID achieved remission and improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa at Week 8 as compared to placebo. This treatment difference was consistent between the 2 subgroups (Table 28).

**Table 28: Proportion of Patients Meeting Primary and Key Secondary Efficacy Endpoints at Week 8 by TNF Inhibitor Therapy Subgroups (OCTAVE Induction 1 and OCTAVE Induction 2 Central Endoscopy Read)**

<b>OCTAVE Induction 1 (A3921094)</b>		
<b>Endpoint</b>	<b>Placebo N=122</b>	<b>Tofacitinib 10 mg BID N=476</b>
Remission at Week 8 <sup>a</sup>		
With prior TNF inhibitor failure	1.6% (1/64)	11.1% (27/243)
Without prior TNF inhibitor failure <sup>b</sup>	15.5% (9/58)	26.2% (61/233)
Improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa at Week 8 <sup>c</sup>		
With prior TNF inhibitor failure	6.3% (4/64)	22.6% (55/243)
Without prior TNF inhibitor failure <sup>b</sup>	25.9% (15/58)	40.3% (94/233)
<b>OCTAVE Induction 2 (A3921095)</b>		
<b>Endpoint</b>	<b>Placebo N=112</b>	<b>Tofacitinib 10 mg BID N=429</b>
Remission at Week 8 <sup>a</sup>		
With prior TNF inhibitor failure <sup>d</sup>	0.0% (0/60)	11.7% (26/222)
Without prior TNF inhibitor failure <sup>b</sup>	7.7% (4/52)	21.7% (45/207)
Improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa at Week 8 <sup>c</sup>		
With prior TNF inhibitor failure <sup>d</sup>	6.7% (4/60)	21.6% (48/222)
Without prior TNF inhibitor failure <sup>b</sup>	17.3% (9/52)	35.7% (74/207)

TNF=tumour necrosis factor; N=number of patients in the analysis set.

- a. Remission was defined as clinical remission (a Mayo score ≤2 with no individual subscore >1) and rectal bleeding subscore of 0.
- b. Failed one or more conventional therapies (corticosteroid, azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine) but did not have history of prior failure of TNF inhibitor therapy.
- c. Improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa was defined as Mayo endoscopy subscore of 0 (normal or inactive disease) or 1 (erythema, decreased vascular pattern).
- d. Inadequate response, loss of response, or intolerance to TNF inhibitor therapy.

Decreases in rectal bleeding and stool frequency subscores were observed as early as Week 2 in patients treated with tofacitinib.

Clinical response was defined as a decrease from baseline in Mayo score of  $\geq 3$  points and  $\geq 30\%$ , with an accompanying decrease in the subscore for rectal bleeding of  $\geq 1$  point or absolute subscore for rectal bleeding of 0 or 1. Clinical response was observed in 60% of patients treated with tofacitinib 10 mg BID compared to 33% of placebo patients in Octave Induction 1 and 55% compared to 29% in Octave Induction 2.

*Maintenance (OCTAVE Sustain):*

A total of 593 patients who completed 8 weeks in one of the induction studies and achieved clinical response were re-randomized into OCTAVE Sustain; 179 out of 593 (30%) patients were in remission at baseline of OCTAVE Sustain.

The primary endpoint was the proportion of patients in remission at Week 52. The 2 key secondary endpoints were the proportion of patients with improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa at Week 52, and the proportion of patients with sustained corticosteroid-free remission at both Week 24 and Week 52 among patients in remission at baseline of OCTAVE Sustain.

A significantly greater proportions of patients in both the tofacitinib 5 mg BID and tofacitinib 10 mg BID treatment groups achieved the primary and two key secondary endpoints, as shown in Table 29.

**Table 29: Proportion of Patients Meeting Primary and Key Secondary Efficacy Endpoints at Week 52 (Maintenance OCTAVE Sustain, Central Endoscopy Read)**

Endpoint	Placebo N=198	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID N=198	Difference Between Tofacitinib 5 mg BID and Placebo (95% CI)	Tofacitinib 10 mg BID N=197	Difference Between Tofacitinib 10 mg BID and Placebo (95% CI)
Remission <sup>a</sup>	11.1%	34.3%	23.2 (15.3, 31.2)*	40.6%	29.5 (21.4, 37.6)*
Improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa <sup>b</sup>	13.1%	37.4%	24.2 (16.0, 32.5)*	45.7%	32.6 (24.2, 41.0)*
Sustained corticosteroid- free remission at both Week 24 and Week 52 among patients in remission at baseline <sup>c</sup>	N = 59 5.1%	N = 65 35.4%	30.3 (17.4, 43.2)*	N = 55 47.3%	42.2 (27.9, 56.5)*

\* p<0.0001

N=number of patients in the analysis set.

- a. Remission was defined as clinical remission (a Mayo score  $\leq 2$  with no individual subscore  $>1$ ) and rectal bleeding subscore of 0.
- b. Improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa was defined as Mayo endoscopy subscore of 0 (normal or inactive disease) or 1 (erythema, decreased vascular pattern).
- c. Sustained corticosteroid-free remission was defined as being in remission and not taking corticosteroids for at least 4



weeks prior to the visit at both Week 24 and Week 52.

Additionally, among the 179 patients in remission at baseline (59 in the placebo group, 65 in the tofacitinib 5 mg BID group, and 55 in the tofacitinib 10 mg BID group), the rate of patients with remission at week 52 (i.e., maintained remission) was larger with tofacitinib 5 mg BID (46%) and 10 mg BID (56%) as compared to placebo (10%).

In both subgroups of patients with or without prior TNF inhibitor failure, the proportions of patients treated with either tofacitinib 5mg BID or tofacitinib 10 mg BID were numerically larger as compared to placebo for the primary and key secondary endpoints, however, statistical significance was not possible to determine (see Table 30).

**Table 30: Proportion of Patients Meeting Primary and Key Secondary Efficacy Endpoints in Maintenance Study OCTAVE Sustain (A3921096) by TNF Inhibitor Therapy Subgroup (Central Endoscopy Read)**

Endpoint	Placebo N=198	Tofacitinib 5 mg BID N=198	Tofacitinib 10 mg BID N=197
Remission at Week 52 <sup>a</sup>			
With prior TNF inhibitor failure <sup>e</sup>	10/89 (11.2%)	20/83 (24.1%)	34/93 (36.6%)
Without prior TNF inhibitor failure <sup>b</sup>	12/109 (11.0%)	48/115 (41.7%)	46/104 (44.2%)
Improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa at Week 52 <sup>c</sup>			
With prior TNF inhibitor failure <sup>e</sup>	11/89 (12.4%)	25/83 (30.1%)	37/93 (39.8%)
Without prior TNF inhibitor failure <sup>b</sup>	15/109 (13.8%)	49/115 (42.6%)	53/104 (51.0%)
Sustained corticosteroid-free remission at both Week 24 and Week 52 among patients in remission at baseline <sup>d</sup>			
With prior TNF inhibitor failure <sup>e</sup>	1/21 (4.8%)	4/18 (22.2%)	7/18 (38.9%)
Without prior TNF inhibitor failure <sup>b</sup>	2/38 (5.3%)	19/47 (40.4%)	19/37 (51.4%)

TNF=tumour necrosis factor; N=number of patients in the analysis set.

- a. Remission was defined a Mayo score  $\leq 2$  with no individual subscore  $>1$ , and rectal bleeding subscore of 0
- b. Patients who failed  $\geq 1$  conventional therapies (corticosteroid, azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine) but did not have history of prior failure of TNF inhibitor therapy.
- c. Improvement of endoscopic appearance of the mucosa was defined as Mayo endoscopy subscore of 0 (normal or inactive disease) or 1 (erythema, decreased vascular pattern).
- d. Sustained corticosteroid-free remission was defined as being in remission and not taking corticosteroids for at least 4 weeks prior to the visit at both Week 24 and Week 52.
- e. Prior TNF inhibitor failure was defined in this program as inadequate response, loss of response, or intolerance to TNF inhibitor therapy.

**Open-label Extension Study (OCTAVE Open):**

Patients who did not achieve clinical response in one of the induction studies (Study OCTAVE Induction 1 or OCTAVE Induction 2) after 8 weeks of tofacitinib 10 mg BID, were allowed to enter an open-label extension study (OCTAVE Open). After an additional 8 weeks of tofacitinib 10 mg BID in Study OCTAVE Open, 53% (155/293) patients achieved clinical response and 14% (42/292) patients achieved remission.

## 14.2 Comparative Bioavailability Studies

In a randomized, two-way, cross-over, single-dose oral bioequivalence study in healthy male volunteers, the bioavailability of XELJANZ® (Pfizer Canada Inc.) 10 mg tablets and Taro-Tofacitinib (Taro Pharmaceuticals Inc.) 10 mg tablets was compared under fasting conditions. The results from 26 subjects who completed the study are summarised in the following table.

SUMMARY TABLE OF THE COMPARATIVE BIOAVAILABILITY DATA

Tofacitinib (1 x 10 mg tofacitinib) Geometric Mean Arithmetic Mean (CV %)				
Parameter	Test*	Reference†	% Ratio of Geometric Means	90% Confidence Interval
AUC <sub>T</sub> (h•ng/mL)	466.41 483.70 (28.56)	455.49 471.62 (26.68)	102.39	99.13 - 105.76
AUC <sub>I</sub> (h•ng/mL)	471.36 488.96 (28.78)	460.65 476.92 (26.68)	102.32	99.10 - 105.64
C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)	129.59 132.32 (20.92)	131.18 133.64 (20.41)	98.78	92.02 - 106.04
T <sub>max</sub> <sup>§</sup> (h)	0.67 (0.33-2.00)	0.50 (0.33-1.33)		
T <sub>1/2</sub> <sup>€</sup> (h)	3.44 (21.25)	3.38 (16.36)		

\* TARO-Tofacitinib (tofacitinib, as tofacitinib citrate) tablets 10 mg (Taro Pharmaceuticals Inc.)

† XELJANZ® (tofacitinib, as tofacitinib citrate) tablets 10 mg (Pfizer Canada Inc.) were purchased in Canada.

§ Expressed as median (range) only

€ Expressed as the arithmetic mean (CV%) only

## 15 MICROBIOLOGY

No microbiological information is required for this drug product.

## 16 NON- CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

### Single and Repeat-Dose Toxicity

Tofacitinib caused death in rats at single oral doses of  $\geq 500$  mg/kg. Single intravenous doses up to 3 mg/kg did not induce local or systemic toxicity in rats. In cynomolgus monkeys emesis and decreased activity were observed at single oral doses of  $\geq 200$  mg/kg (divided 3 times daily [TID], ~7 hours apart).

Immune and hematopoietic organ systems were identified as main targets in repeat-dose toxicity studies. Effects on the immune system (including decreased circulating lymphocytes, lymphoid depletion of lymph nodes, spleen, thymus and bone marrow, and bacterial and viral infections) were consistent with inhibition of JAK1/3. Decreases in hemoglobin, hematocrit, erythrocyte numbers and reticulocytes were attributed to JAK2 inhibition. These effects were generally reversible during a 4-week recovery phase in the 4- and 6-week monkey and rat studies, respectively. Repeated oral doses up to 10 mg/kg once daily in

rats (up to approximately 15 or 7.6 times human clinical exposure at 5 or 10 mg BID) and 1 mg/kg BID in adult cynomolgus monkeys (approximately 1 or 0.5 times human exposure at 5 or 10 mg BID) were tolerated in studies up to 6 months and 39 weeks duration, respectively. In the 39-week juvenile monkey study, the T-dependent antibody response to antigen immunization was decreased at the high dose of 5 mg/kg BID, approximately 5 or 2.5 times human exposure at 5 or 10 mg BID.

### **Mutagenesis**

Tofacitinib was not mutagenic in the bacterial reverse mutation assay. Reproducible increases in chromosomal abnormalities were observed in a human lymphocyte *in vitro* cytogenetic assay, at high cytotoxic concentrations with metabolic activation, but no effects were observed without metabolic activation. In follow up studies, tofacitinib was not mutagenic in mammalian cells (*in vitro* CHO/HGPRT assay) and did not induce primary DNA damage in an *in vivo/in vitro* rat hepatocyte unscheduled DNA synthesis assay. Tofacitinib was also negative in the *in vivo* rat micronucleus test.

### **Carcinogenesis**

In the 39-week repeat-dose toxicity study in adult monkeys, lymphomas were observed at the high dose of 5 mg/kg BID (approximately 6 times human exposure at 5 mg BID, or approximately 3 times the 10 mg BID dose), but not at the lower dose of 1 mg/kg BID (approximately 1 times human exposure at 5 mg BID, or approximately 0.5 times the 10 mg BID dose). No treatment-related tumors were observed in a 6-month rasH2 transgenic mouse study up to the high dose of 200 mg/kg/day, approximately 38 or 19 times human exposure at 5 or 10 mg BID.

In a 2-year rat carcinogenicity study, tofacitinib induced benign Leydig cell tumors and malignant hibernomas (tumors of brown adipose tissue) at oral doses of  $\geq 30$  mg/kg/day ( $\geq 35$  times or 17 times human exposure at 5 or 10 mg BID) and benign thymomas at 100/75 mg/kg/day (approximately 187 or 94 times human exposure at 5 or 10 mg BID). No treatment-related tumors were found in rats at 10 mg/kg/day (approximately 16 or 8 times human exposure at 5 or 10 mg BID). The relevance of benign Leydig cell tumors to human risk is unknown.

### **Developmental and Reproductive Toxicity**

Tofacitinib had no effect on fertility of male rats; however, in treated female rats tofacitinib decreased pregnancy rate, numbers of corpora lutea, implantation sites, and viable fetuses, with an increase in early resorptions at oral doses of  $\geq 10$  mg/kg/day ( $\geq 15$  or 8 times human exposure at 5 or 10 mg BID). The non-observed-adverse-effect-level (NOAEL) for female fertility and early embryonic development was 1 mg/kg/day (approximately 1 or 0.6 times human exposure at 5 or 10 mg BID).

Tofacitinib was teratogenic (external, visceral and skeletal abnormalities) in rabbits and rats at oral doses of 30 and 100 mg/kg/day (approximately 13/6 and 146/73 times human exposure at 5/10 mg BID), respectively. In rabbits, teratogenic effects occurred in the absence of maternal toxicity, consisted of thoracogastroschisis, omphalocele, craniofacial malformations (microstomia, microphthalmia, and cleft lip and palate), membranous ventricular septal defects, gallbladder agenesis, short or absent tail, and skeletal malformations (fused sternbrae

and vertebral and/or rib anomalies). In addition, there was an increase in postimplantation loss (early and late resorptions) and consequently, reduced number of viable fetuses. The developmental NOAEL in rabbits was 10 mg/kg/day (approximately 3 or 1.5 times human exposure at 5 or 10 mg BID). In rats, tofacitinib increased postimplantation loss (early and late resorptions), reduced fetal body weights, and increased incidences of fetal malformations at doses that induced maternal toxicity. Malformations suggestive of teratogenicity included anasarca, membranous ventricular septal defects, and skeletal abnormalities (absent cervical arch, bent limb bones, hemicentric thoracic centrum, and rib and sternal anomalies). The developmental NOAEL in rats was 30 mg/kg/day (approximately 58 or 29 times human exposure at 5 or 10 mg BID).

In the peri/postnatal development study in rats, tofacitinib decreased the number of delivered and live born pups, and reduced pup survival at oral doses of 50 mg/kg/day (approximately 73 or 36 times human exposure at 5 or 10 mg BID). There was no effect on sexual maturation, or the ability of these F1 generation rats to learn, mate and produce viable F2 generation fetuses of treatment of the dams at oral doses up to 10 mg/kg/day (up to 15 or 8 times human exposure at 5 or 10 mg BID).

**Table 31: Summary of Toxicology Studies**

Study Type	Treatment Duration	Species/ Test system	Animals/ Group	Dose (mg/kg/day) <sup>a</sup>	Results
<b>Single-Dose Toxicity</b>					
Single-Dose Oral Toxicity Study in Sprague-Dawley Rats (01-2063-07)	Single Dose	Rat/Sprague-Dawley	3M, 3F	0, 500, 1000, 2000 (Oral gavage, 20 mL/kg, 0.5% Methylcellulose/Suspension)	<p><b>500 mg/kg:</b> 1 female died on Day 1; red-stained fur (nose/muzzle); ↓ eosinophils, ↓ fibrinogen, ↑ ALT, ↑ AST, ↑ glucose, ↑ BUN.</p> <p><b>≥500 mg/kg:</b> ↓ activity, lethargy, partially closed eyes, labored respiration, salivation; lymphocytolysis in mesenteric lymph node and decreased numbers of lymphocytes within the minimal zone of the splenic white pulp.</p> <p><b>1000 mg/kg:</b> 6/6 animals died by Day 2; necrosis of centrilobular hepatocytes.</p> <p><b>≥1000 mg/kg:</b> lacrimation and cold to touch; stomach distension; necrosis of individual hepatocytes; lymphocytolysis within the splenic white pulp.</p> <p><b>2000 mg/kg:</b> 6/6 animals died by Day 2; slow respiration and eye staining/nasal discharge.</p>
Single-Dose IV Toxicity Study in Rats with a 14-Day Recovery (09GR453)	Single Dose	Rat/Sprague-Dawley	10M, 10F <sup>b</sup>	0, 0.5, 1, 3 (IV, 0.5-3 mL/kg, 10mM Lactic acid in normal saline)	≤3 mg/kg: None
Single-Day Oral Toxicity Study in Cynomolgus Monkeys (00-2063-04)	1 Day	Monkey/Cynomolgus	2M, 2F	40, 200, 1000 <sup>c</sup> (Oral gavage, 7 mL/kg, 0.5% Methylcellulose/Suspension)	≥200 mg/kg: Emesis, ↓ activity
<b>Repeat-Dose Toxicity</b>					
<b>Pivotal Studies</b>					

Study Type	Treatment Duration	Species/ Test system	Animals/ Group	Dose (mg/kg/day) <sup>a</sup>	Results
6-Week Oral Toxicity Study with 1-Month Recovery in Sprague-Dawley Rats (01-2063-06)	6 Weeks	Rat/Sprague-Dawley	10-15/sex/dose	1, 10, 100 Oral gavage, QD, 10 mL/kg (0.5% Methylcellulose/Suspension)	<p><b>1 mg/kg/day (LOEL):</b> ↓ WBC count, ↓ lymphocytes, ↓ eosinophils, ↓ basophils, ↓ RBC count, ↓ HCT, ↓ HGB, lymphoid depletion in bone marrow.</p> <p><b>10 mg/kg/day:</b> Same as above, + ↓ reticulocytes, lymphoid depletion in spleen, thymus, and mesenteric lymph node.</p> <p><b>100 mg/kg/day:</b> Same as above, + ↑ neutrophils, ↑ AST.</p> <p><b>100 mg/kg/day (Recovery):</b> Recovery of reticulocytes and AST, no microscopic findings in lymphoid tissues, partial recovery of WBC count, lymphocytes, RBC parameters, and lymphoid cells in bone marrow.</p>
6-Month Oral Toxicity Study in Rats (77435)	6 Months	Rat/Sprague-Dawley	15/sex/dose	1, 10, 100 (Oral gavage, QD, 10 mL/kg, 0.5% Methylcellulose/Suspension)	<p><b>1 mg/kg/day (LOEL):</b> ↓ WBC, ↓ lymphocytes, ↓ eosinophils, ↓ basophils, ↓ large unstained cells, ↓ RBC count, ↓ HCT, ↓ HGB, ↑ neutrophils (F), ↓ spleen weight, ↓ T lymphocytes, T-cells (CD3+), T-cell subtypes (CD4+, CD8+), B cells (CD45RA+), NK cells (CD161+).</p> <p><b>10 mg/kg/day:</b> Same as above, + ↓ reticulocytes; neutrophils, ↑ glucose, ↑ alkaline phosphatase; ↓ triglycerides (F), ↓ spleen weight, lymphoid atrophy (lymph nodes, spleen, thymus) (F), alveolar histiocytosis.</p> <p><b>100 mg/kg/day:</b> Same as above, + ↑ neutrophils, ↑ reticulocytes, ↑ globulin; ↓ triglycerides, ↑ liver weight; ↓ thymus weight, lymphoid atrophy (GALT), hepatocellular hypertrophy.</p>

Study Type	Treatment Duration	Species/ Test system	Animals/ Group	Dose (mg/kg/day) <sup>a</sup>	Results
1-Month Oral Toxicity Study with 1-Month Recovery in Cynomolgus Monkeys (01-2063-09)	4 Weeks	Monkey/Cynomolgus	3/sex/dose	10, 50, 100 Oral gavage, TIDd, 5 mL/kg, 0.5% Methylcellulose/Suspension	<p><b>10 mg/kg/day:</b> ↓ lymphocytes, ↓ lymphocyte subsets (helper T cells, cytotoxic/suppressor T cells, and NK cells), ↓ HGB.</p> <p><b>50 mg/kg/day:</b> Same as above, + death, body weight loss, decreased activity, ↑ WBC, ↓ RBC count, ↓ HCT, ↓ reticulocytes, ↑ AST, ↑ ALT, ↓ Ca, ↓ neutrophil pool, slight granulocytic depletion in bone marrow, lymphoid depletion in spleen, bacterial and viral infection secondary to immunosuppression in heart, kidney, gastrointestinal tract, buccal cavity, and skin.</p> <p><b>100 mg/kg/day:</b> Same as above (except no ↑ WBC count), + RBC depletion in bone marrow, and ↑ immature myeloid cells in bone marrow, lymphoid depletion in mesenteric lymph node.</p> <p><b>50 mg/kg/day (Recovery):</b> Complete recovery with the exceptions of partial recovery of ↑ neutrophils, ↑ ALT and ↑ AST, ↓ (CD16+, CD3-), ↓ RBC count; rebound effect in lymphocytes, (CD4+, CD3+), and (CD8+, CD3+), lymphocytes, and reticulocytes.</p>

Study Type	Treatment Duration	Species/ Test system	Animals/ Group	Dose (mg/kg/day) <sup>a</sup>	Results
39-Week Oral Toxicity Study in Monkeys (2003-0301)	39 weeks	Monkey/ Cynomolgus	4/sex/dose	0.5, 2, 10 <sup>e</sup> Oral gavage, BID, 10 mL/kg, 0.5% Methylcellulose/ Suspension	<b>0.5 mg/kg/day (LOEL):</b> ↓ total lymphocytes, ↓ lymphocyte subsets (T-helper, -cytotoxic/suppressor and NK cells); lymphoid hyperplasia (2/4 M). <b>2 mg/kg/day:</b> Same as above +, ↓ RBC count, ↓ HCT, ↓ HGB, lymphoid hyperplasia (4/4 M) <b>10 mg/kg/day:</b> Same as above, + death, ↑ reticulocytes; RBC hyperplasia in bone marrow; lymphoid hyperplasia (3/4 M, 1/4 F); lymphoma (1/4 M, 2/4 F; 2 confirmed B-cell origin), mononuclear cell infiltrates in the heart (F).
<b>Genotoxicity</b>					
<b>In Vitro Studies</b>					
Microbial Reverse Bacterial Mutation Assay (AMES) (01-2063-11)	In Vitro	<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i>	NA	0.010-5 mg/plate Plate Incorporation for ~ 48 to 72 hours at 37°C	No genotoxic effect. No cytotoxic effect.
Mammalian Cell Mutation Assays (01-2063-16)	In Vitro	Chinese Hamster ovary (CHO)-K1-BH4 cells,	NA	16-5000 µg/mL 5-hour treatment, 6-8 day incubation	- No Genotoxic effects - Substantial cytotoxicity at 950, 1000, and 1100 µg/mL with average Day 3 relative cell survivals of 43%, 29%, and 17%, respectively.
In Vitro Cytogenetics Assay (01-2063-10)	In Vitro	Human Peripheral Lymphocytes	NA	41.8-2400 µg/mL 3 hours with activation, 3 and 24 hours without activation	<b>Cytotoxic Effects:</b> ~ 50% Mitotic suppression achieved in all treatments. <b>Genotoxic Effects:</b> tofacitinib did not significantly increase structural chromosome aberrations at 3- and 24-hour treatments without metabolic activation. At 3 hours with metabolic activation, tofacitinib increased structural chromosome aberrations at relatively cytotoxic concentrations.
<b>In Vivo Studies</b>					



Study Type	Treatment Duration	Species/ Test system	Animals/ Group	Dose (mg/kg/day) <sup>a</sup>	Results
In Vivo/In Vitro Rat Hepatocyte Unscheduled DNA Synthesis Study (01-2063-17)	Single Dose Hepatocytes, 2-4 and 14-16 HPD	Rat/Sprague-Dawley	M	125, 250, 250 Oral gavage, 10 mL/kg, 0.5% Methylcellulose	<b>Toxic/Cytotoxic Effects:</b> Hypoactivity, labored breathing and/or squinted eyes in the 500 mg/kg group <b>Genotoxic Effects:</b> None
In Vivo Cytogenetics (Rat Micronucleus) (01-2063-12)	Once daily for 3 days	Rat/Sprague-Dawley	6M, 6F	62.5, 125, 250 Oral gavage, QD, 10 mL/kg, 0.5% Methylcellulose	<b>Toxic/Cytotoxic Effects:</b> No mortality or adverse clinical signs attributed to drug treatment was observed. A statistically significant decrease in mean percent body weight gain was evident in the male rats. The males also showed statistically significant treatment-related reduction in mean %PCE, suggestive of bone marrow toxicity. <b>Genotoxic Effects:</b> None.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>					
<u>6-Month Oral Gavage Study in Mice</u> (8200-368)	6 Months	Mouse/Model 001178-T (hemizygous), CB6F1/Jic-TgrasH2@Tac Mouse/Model 001178-W (homozygous wild-type), CB6F1/Jic-TgrasH2@Tac	25/sex/dose	25, 75, 200 Oral gavage, QD, 10 mL/kg, 0.5% (w/v) Methylcellulose/Solution	<b>≥25 mg/kg/day:</b> No evidence of treatment-related carcinogenicity.

Study Type	Treatment Duration	Species/ Test system	Animals/ Group	Dose (mg/kg/day) <sup>a</sup>	Results
<u>2-Year Oral Gavage in Rats</u> (6348-463)	103 Weeks <sup>f</sup>	Rat/Sprague-Dawley	60-70/ sex/dose	10/10, 30/30, 75/100 <sup>g</sup> Oral gavage, QD, 10 mL/kg, 0.5% Methylcellulose/ Solution	<b>10 mg/kg/day:</b> Benign angiomas of mesenteric lymph nodes (M). <b>30 mg/kg/day:</b> Hyperplasia and benign tumors of interstitial cells of testes (M), malignant hibernomas of multiple organs (F). <b>75 mg/kg/day:</b> Same as above (M). <b>100/75 mg/kg/day:</b> Benign thymoma in thymus (F).
<b>Investigative</b>					
14-Day Oral Investigative Study in Rats (10GR431)	14 Days	Rat/Sprague-Dawley	8F with BrdU pumps 5F without BrdU pumps	Oral gavage, QD, 10 mL/kg, 0.5% Methylcellulose/ Solution	Tofacitinib inhibited JAK/STAT signaling in BAT as evidenced by decreased tissue levels of phosphorylated STAT3 (pSTAT3) and pSTAT5 at doses $\geq 10$ mg/kg/day.
Investigative Study with Rat Brown Adipocytes (11GR016)	1 hour pre-incubation with tofacitinib then 20 minutes with oPRL and tofacitinib	Rat/Sprague-Dawley/Primary Leydig cells	In vitro	150 mM NaCl, 0.03 mM NaHCO <sub>3</sub> /Solution (oPRL), 0.1% dimethyl sulphoxide/Solution (tofacitinib)	Tofacitinib inhibited the prolactin-induced increase in STAT5A/B phosphorylation.
Investigative Study with Rat Primary Leydig Cells (11GR015)	1 hour pre-incubation with tofacitinib then 15 minutes with oPRL and tofacitinib	Rat/Sprague-Dawley/ Differentiated primary brown adipocytes/ pSTAT5A/B protein	In vitro	150 mM NaCl, 0.03 mM NaHCO <sub>3</sub> /Solution (oPRL), 0.1% dimethyl sulphoxide/Solution (tofacitinib)	Tofacitinib inhibited the prolactin-induced increase in STAT5A/B phosphorylation.
<b>Reproductive and Developmental Toxicity</b>					

Study Type	Treatment Duration	Species/ Test system	Animals/ Group	Dose (mg/kg/day) <sup>a</sup>	Results
Oral Fertility and Embryonic Development Study in Male and Female Rats (05GR051)	<b>(F) Phase 1:</b> 14 Days pre mating, throughout cohabitation and through GD 7. <b>(M) Phase 2:</b> Minimum of 63 days (beginning 28 days pre mating)	Rat/Sprague Dawley	20/sex/dose	1, 10, 100 Oral Gavage, QD, 10 mL/kg	<b>1 mg/kg/day:</b> No effect. <b>10 mg/kg/day:</b> ↑ Postimplantation loss. <b>100 mg/kg/day:</b> Same as above, + ↓ pregnancy rate, ↓ corpora lutea, ↓ implantation sites, ↓ viable fetuses, ↑ early resorptions, ↑ pre-implantation loss.
Oral Embryo-Fetal Development Study in Rats (04-2063-24)	GD 6-17	Rat/Sprague Dawley	20F/dose	1, 10, 30 Oral gavage, QD, 10 mL/kg	≥1 mg/kg/day: No effect.
Oral Embryo-Fetal Development Study in Rats (09GR353)	GD 6-17	Rat/Sprague Dawley	20F/dose	30, 100, 300 Oral gavage, QD, 10 mL/kg	<b>30 mg/kg/day:</b> No effect. <b>100 mg/kg/day:</b> ↓ Viable fetuses, ↓ uterine weight, external, visceral and skeletal malformations. <b>300 mg/kg/day:</b> ↓ Maternal body weight and food consumption, clinical signs of poor toleration, no viable fetuses to examine.
Oral Embryo-Fetal Development Study in Rabbits (05-2063-25)	GD 7-19	Rabbit/New Zealand White	20F/dose	10, 30, 100 Oral gavage, QD, 2 mL/kg	<b>10 mg/kg/day:</b> No effect. <b>30 mg/kg/day:</b> ↓ Viable fetuses, ↓ uterine weight, external, visceral, and skeletal malformations. <b>100 mg/kg/day:</b> Same as above, + ↓ fetal body weights, ↑ visceral variations.

Study Type	Treatment Duration	Species/ Test system	Animals/ Group	Dose (mg/kg/day) <sup>a</sup>	Results
Oral Developmental Peri/Postnatal Reproduction including Postnatal Behavioral/Functional Evaluation in Rats (LIA00468)	GD 6 - DL 21 (or GD 24 for rats not delivering a litter)	Rat/Sprague-Dawley	25F/dose	Oral gavage, QD during dosage period; 10 mL/kg	<b>10 mg/kg/day:</b> No effect <b>50 mg/kg/day:</b> ↓Delivered pups, ↓liveborn pups, ↓pup survival, ↓pup body weight.
<b>Developmental and Reproductive - Juvenile</b>					
Oral Fertility Study in Juvenile Rats (10GR250)	PND 21-70 (M) PND 21-55 (F)	Rat/Sprague-Dawley	20/sex/dose	1, 10, 100 Oral gavage, QD, 10 mL/kg 0.5% (w/v) Methylcellulose/ Suspension	<b>1 mg/kg/day:</b> No effect. <b>10 mg/kg/day:</b> ↓BW (M), ↓BW gain (M). <b>100 mg/kg/day:</b> Same as above (M&F).
Oral Toxicity Study in Juvenile Rats with a 2-Month Recovery (10GR307)	PND 21-49	Rat/Sprague Dawley	16/sex/dose	1, 10, 100 Oral gavage, QD, 10 mL/kg 0.5% (w/v) Methylcellulose/ Suspension	<b>1 mg/kg/day:</b> Females: ↓WBC, ↓lymphocytes, eosinophils, basophils Males only: ↑vacuolation in brown adipose tissue, ↓T cells, ↓helper T cells, ↓cytotoxic T cells, ↓B cells, ↓NK cells. <b>10 mg/kg/day:</b> Same as above, ↓T cells, ↓helper T cells, ↓cytotoxic T cells, ↓B cells, ↓NK cells. Males: ↓WBC, ↓lymphocytes, eosinophils, basophils. Females: ↓body weight and body weight gain, ↓reticulocytes, ↓cellularity (thymus) - females, ↓cellularity (spleen), ↓lymphoid cellularity-mesenteric lymph node.

Study Type	Treatment Duration	Species/ Test system	Animals/ Group	Dose (mg/kg/day) <sup>a</sup>	Results
					<b>100 mg/kg/day:</b> Same as above, ↓body weight and body weight gain (M), ↓RBC, ↓cellularity: inguino-femoral lymph node, mandibular lymph node.
39-Week Oral Toxicity in Juvenile Monkeys with a 26-Week Recovery (Interim Report) (2501-010)	39 Weeks	Monkey/ Cynomolgus	4/sex/dose	0.5, 2, 10 Oral gavage, BID, 5 mL/kg 0.5% (w/v) Methylcellulose/ Suspension	<b>0.5 mg/kg/day:</b> No effect. <b>2 mg/kg/day:</b> ↓total lymphocytes (M), ↓lymphocyte subsets (NK cells, effector CD8+ T cells, CD8+ T cells (M), ↓thymus weight (M), ↓spleen weight (F). <b>10 mg/kg/day:</b> ↓total lymphocytes (M + F), ↓RBC count, ↓HCT, ↓HGB, ↓lymphocyte subsets (NK cells, CD4+ and CD8+ T cells, naïve CD4+and CD8+ T cells, central and effector memory CD8+ cells), ↓spleen and thymus weight.

<sup>a</sup> Doses are expressed as mg active moiety/kg/day unless otherwise noted.

<sup>b</sup> Five/sex were necropsied on Day 2 and 5/sex were retained for a 14-day recovery period and necropsied on Day 15.

<sup>c</sup> 13, 67, 333 mg/kg TID; 7 hours apart.

<sup>d</sup> 3.33, 16.7, 33.3mg/kg TID; 7 hours apart.

<sup>e</sup> 0.25, 1, 5, mg/kg BID; 12 hours apart.

<sup>f</sup> All surviving males in Group 4 were sacrificed on Day 654 (Week 94) of the dosing phase. All surviving males in Group 1 through Group 3 were sacrificed on Day 686 (Week 98) of the dosing phase. All surviving females were sacrificed on Day 715 (Week 103) of the dosing phase.

<sup>g</sup> Dose was lowered from 100 to 75 mg/kg/day starting on Day 133.

ALT = Alanine aminotransferase; AST = Aspartate aminotransferase; BAT = Brown adipose tissue; BID = Twice daily; BrdU = 5-bromo-2'-deoxyuridine; BUN = Blood urea nitrogen; Ca = Calcium; CHO = Chinese hamster ovary; CD = Cluster of differentiation; DL = Day of lactation; F = Female; GALT = Gut associated lymphoid tissue; GGT = Gamma glutamyl transferase; GD = Gestation Day; HGB = Hemoglobin; HCT = Hematocrit; HPD = Hours postdose; IV = Intravenous; JAK = Janus kinase; LOEL = Lowest observed effect level; M = Male; NA = Not applicable; NaCl = Sodium chloride; NaHCO<sub>3</sub> = Sodium bicarbonate; NK = Natural killer; oPRL = Ovine prolactin; PND = Postnatal day; PCE = Polychromatic erythrocytes; pSTAT = Phosphorylated signal transducer and activator of transcription; QD = Once daily; RBC = Red blood cells; STAT = Signal transducer and activator of transcription; TID = Three times daily; WBC = White blood cells.

## **17 SUPPORTING PRODUCT MONOGRAPH**

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## PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION

### READ THIS FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF YOUR MEDICINE

#### <sup>Pr</sup>TARO-TOFACITINIB

#### Tofacitinib tablets

Read this carefully before you start taking **TARO-TOFACITINIB** and each time you get a refill. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about this drug. Talk to your healthcare professional about your medical condition and treatment and ask if there is any new information about **TARO-TOFACITINIB**.

#### Serious Warnings and Precautions

##### Serious Infections

- You should NOT take TARO-TOFACITINIB if you have an active infection.
- TARO-TOFACITINIB is a medicine that affects your immune system. It can lower the ability of your body to fight infections such as tuberculosis, shingles (herpes zoster) and infections caused by other bacteria, fungi, or viruses that can spread throughout the body.
- In some cases, these infections may lead to hospitalization or death.
- Most patients who developed infections were taking other medicines, such as methotrexate or corticosteroids at the same time. These medicines make it harder to fight infections.
- Your healthcare professional will closely monitor you for the signs and symptoms of infections during and after the treatment with TARO-TOFACITINIB.
- Contact your healthcare professional if you have any signs or symptoms of an infection, such as:
  - fever, sweating, or chills,
  - muscle aches,
  - cough, shortness of breath,
  - blood in spit,
  - weight loss,
  - warm, red, or painful skin or sores on your body,
  - diarrhea or stomach pain,
  - burning when you urinate or urinating more often than normal,
  - feeling very tired;
- If a serious infection develops, stop taking TARO-TOFACITINIB and contact your healthcare professional right away.

##### Cancers and immune conditions

- Lymphoma, lung cancer, and other cancers have been reported in patients treated with TARO-TOFACITINIB.
- Your healthcare professional will closely monitor you for signs and symptoms of cancer and other serious conditions during treatment with TARO-TOFACITINIB.

##### Blood clots

- Blood clots in the veins of your legs or arms (deep vein thrombosis, DVT), arteries (arterial thrombosis) or lungs (pulmonary embolism, PE) can happen in some people taking TARO-TOFACITINIB. This may be life-threatening and cause death.
- Stop taking TARO-TOFACITINIB and seek medical help right away if you develop any signs or symptoms of:
  - Blood clots in your leg (such as swelling, pain or tenderness); or
  - Blood clots in your lung (such as sudden unexplained chest pain or shortness of breath).

##### Major heart problems

- Major heart problems have been reported in Rheumatoid Arthritis patients treated with TARO-TOFACITINIB.
- Talk to your healthcare professional about possible heart disease risk factors before you start taking TARO-TOFACITINIB.

- If you develop signs and symptoms of a heart problem, stop taking TARO-TOFACITINIB and contact your healthcare professional right away. Symptoms may include:
  - new or worsening chest pain,
  - shortness of breath,
  - irregular heartbeats,
  - swelling of the legs.

### **What is TARO-TOFACITINIB used for?**

#### **TARO-TOFACITINIB**

- **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

TARO-TOFACITINIB is used to treat adults with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) when other treatments do not work. TARO-TOFACITINIB may be taken alone or in combination with methotrexate.

- **Psoriatic Arthritis**

TARO-TOFACITINIB is used to treat adults with active psoriatic arthritis (PsA) when other medicines do not work. TARO-TOFACITINIB may be taken alone or in combination with methotrexate or other medicines called conventional synthetic disease modifying antirheumatic drug (csDMARD).

- **Ulcerative Colitis**

TARO-TOFACITINIB is used to treat adults with moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis (UC) when other medicines do not work.

### **How does TARO-TOFACITINIB work?**

TARO-TOFACITINIB is a Janus Kinase (JAK) inhibitor. JAK is a type of enzyme which helps start the immune response in your body. TARO-TOFACITINIB is believed to interfere with the activity of the JAK enzyme to reduce the immune response. This helps reduce the sign and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis and ulcerative colitis.

### **What are the ingredients in TARO-TOFACITINIB?**

Medicinal ingredient: Tofacitinib citrate

Non-medicinal ingredients:

TARO-TOFACITINIB:

5 mg tablet core contains: Croscarmellose Sodium, Lactose Monohydrate, Magnesium Stearate, Microcrystalline Cellulose. The film coat contains Hypromellose, polyethylene glycol, Titanium dioxide, Triacetin.

10 mg tablet core contains: Croscarmellose Sodium, Lactose Monohydrate, Magnesium Stearate, Microcrystalline Cellulose. The film coat contains: FD&C Blue#1, FD&C blue#2, hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, polyethylene glycol, triacetin.

### **TARO-TOFACITINIB comes in the following dosage forms:**

TARO-TOFACITINIB is supplied as 5 mg and 10 mg tablets and is available in bottles and blister packs.

### **Do not use TARO-TOFACITINIB if:**

- you are allergic to tofacitinib or any other non-medicinal ingredients in TARO-TOFACITINIB.



- you are pregnant or are planning to become pregnant.
- you are breast-feeding or intend to breast-feed. Talk to your healthcare professional about the best way to feed your baby while taking TARO-TOFACITINIB.
- you have severe liver problems.

**To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to your healthcare professional before you take TARO-TOFACITINIB. Talk about any health conditions or problems you may have, including if you:**

- are being treated for an infection, get a lot of infections or have infections that keep coming back;
- have diabetes, HIV/AIDS, or a weak immune system. People with these conditions have a higher chance for infections;
- have tuberculosis, or a history of tuberculosis or have been in close contact with someone with tuberculosis;
- have or have had hepatitis B or C;
- have known narrowing or blockage of your digestive tract (intestines or another part of your bowel are not as wide as normal).
- have gastrointestinal problems, including gastrointestinal perforations (tear in the stomach or intestines), diverticulitis (inflammation in parts of the large intestine), ulcers in your stomach or intestines;
- have low blood counts. Treatment with TARO-TOFACITINIB can be associated with low red blood cell counts (anemia), or with low white blood cell counts (neutrophils or lymphocytes);
- have high cholesterol;
- have or had any type of cancer;
- have liver problems;
- have kidney problems;
- have a history of interstitial lung disease (diseases that inflame or scar lung tissue);
- have muscle pain or muscle weakness;
- develop new skin lesions during or after therapy or if existing lesions change appearance; have received any vaccines (shots) within 1 month prior to starting TARO-TOFACITINIB or are planning to get vaccinated. Certain types of vaccines (shots) should not be given when taking TARO-TOFACITINIB. Before you start TARO-TOFACITINIB, you should be up to date with all recommended vaccinations, including a shingles vaccine;
- have had blood clots in your legs (deep vein thrombosis) or lungs (pulmonary embolism) or have been told you are at risk of blood clots;
- have problems with your blood clotting (thrombophilia);
- have chest pain, heart failure or any heart problems, or heart disease risk factors, such as if you:
  - are a current or past smoker,
  - have high blood pressure (hypertension),
  - have diabetes,
  - have a family history of premature coronary heart disease,
  - have had coronary artery disease. This is when blood vessels that supply your heart are clogged;

- have other diseases associated with rheumatoid arthritis, such as: lumps (nodules), anemia, lung problems, a type of immune problem called Sjögren's syndrome.
- are of Asian descent. You may be at increased risk of serious side effects.
- have risk factors for broken bones, such as if you: are older than 65 years of age, are a woman, or take a type of medicine called corticosteroids.

**Other warnings you should know about:**

**Blood tests and monitoring**

Your healthcare professional will regularly monitor your condition before and during treatment with TARO-TOFACITINIB. They may:

- Do blood tests before you start TARO-TOFACITINIB. These tests may be repeated while you are taking TARO-TOFACITINIB.
- Monitor your liver tests and blood cholesterol levels 4 to 8 weeks after you start receiving TARO-TOFACITINIB and routinely thereafter. These will help your healthcare professional find out how TARO-TOFACITINIB is affecting your blood and how well your liver is working.

**Female patients**

**Pregnancy and birth control**

- Avoid becoming pregnant while taking TARO-TOFACITINIB. It may harm your unborn baby.
- If you are of child-bearing age, use an effective method of birth control while taking TARO-TOFACITINIB. Continue using birth control for 4 to 6 weeks after you stop taking TARO-TOFACITINIB.

**Adults aged 65 years and older**

Side effects, including serious side effects, have occurred more often in patients aged 65 years and older.

**Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements or alternative medicines.**

**The following may interact with TARO-TOFACITINIB:**

- other medicines used to treat Rheumatoid Arthritis, Psoriatic Arthritis or Ulcerative Colitis, including:
  - Biologics such as: abatacept, adalimumab, anakinra, certolizumab, etanercept, golimumab, infliximab, rituximab, secukinumab, ustekimumab, vedolizumab.
  - Other JAK inhibitors such as: baricitinib and upadacitinib.
- medicines that affect your immune system (such as azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, tacrolimus, sirolimus, cyclosporine)
- antiarrhythmics (medicines used to treat heart rhythm problems)
- beta-blockers (medicines used to slow the heart or lower blood pressure), and calcium channel blockers (medicines used to lower blood pressure)
- cholinesterase inhibitors (medicines used to treat Alzheimer's)
- HIV protease inhibitors
- a medicine used to treat bacterial infections like tuberculosis called rifampin, and medicines for fungal infections (such as ketoconazole, fluconazole)
- grapefruit juice

- St. John’s Wort (an herbal medicine also known as hypericum perforatum). It may reduce the response to TARO-TOFACITINIB.

**How to take TARO-TOFACITINIB:**

- Always take TARO-TOFACITINIB exactly as your healthcare professional tells you.
- TARO-TOFACITINIB can be taken with or without food.
- Your doctor may reduce the dose if you have liver or kidney problems. You should not increase the dose.
- TARO-TOFACITINIB should not be used if you have or develop a serious infection until the infection is controlled.

**Usual dose:**

Your healthcare professional may prescribe TARO-TOFACITINIB alone or in combination with other medication(s). If you receive treatment with another drug, your healthcare professional will tell you how to take it. Be sure to read the package leaflets for the other drugs as well as this one.

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**Rheumatoid Arthritis:**

- The recommended dose of TARO-TOFACITINIB is 5 mg taken by mouth twice daily.

**Psoriatic Arthritis:**

- The recommended dose of TARO-TOFACITINIB is 5 mg taken by mouth twice daily.

**Ulcerative Colitis:**

- The recommended dose of TARO-TOFACITINIB is 10 mg twice daily for the first 8 weeks. After 8 weeks, your doctor will decide to give you 5 mg or 10 mg twice daily for maintenance.
- Your doctor may decide to stop your treatment with TARO-TOFACITINIB if TARO-TOFACITINIB does not work for you within 16 weeks.

**Overdose:**

If you think you, or a person you are caring for, have taken too much TARO-TOFACITINIB, contact a healthcare professional, hospital emergency department, or regional poison control centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

**Missed Dose:**

If you have missed your dose of TARO-TOFACITINIB, take the next dose as planned at the next scheduled time. Do NOT take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

**What are possible side effects from using TARO-TOFACITINIB?**

These are not all the possible side effects you may have when taking TARO-TOFACITINIB. If you experience any side effects not listed here, tell your healthcare professional.

The side effects of TARO-TOFACITINIB include:

- Upper respiratory tract infection (such as a cold),
- Nasopharyngitis (nose or throat infection, runny or stuffy nose), Cough

- Headache, dizziness
- Diarrhea, vomiting, nausea (feeling queasy, feeling like you may throw up)
- Indigestion (heartburn or upset stomach)
- Back pain, joint pain
- Rash
- Muscle weakness/pain

**If any of the above affects you severely, tell your healthcare professional.**

TARO-TOFACITINIB may cause abnormal blood test results, including changes in cholesterol levels, white or red blood cell counts or creatinine levels (a protein that may increase in people with kidney problems). Your healthcare professional will decide when to perform blood tests and will interpret the results.

Serious side effects and what to do about them			
Symptom / effect	Talk to your healthcare professional		Stop taking drug and get immediate medical help
	Only if severe	In all cases	
<b>COMMON</b>			
<b>Broken bones</b>		√	
<b>Cellulitis:</b> skin infection with redness, swelling and pain		√	
<b>Gastritis:</b> stomach ache, loss of appetite		√	
<b>Herpes Zoster (shingles):</b> skin rash or blisters usually on one side of the body with itching, burning or tingling pain			√
<b>Hypertension (high blood pressure):</b> measured high blood pressure, sometimes with headache or nosebleed		√	
<b>Myocardial infarction (heart attack):</b> pressure or squeezing pain between the shoulder blades, in the chest, jaw, left arm or upper abdomen, shortness of breath, dizziness, fatigue, light-headedness, clammy skin, sweating, indigestion, anxiety, feeling faint and possible irregular heartbeat.			√
<b>Pneumonia:</b> infection with coughing, fever, fatigue		√	
<b>Urinary tract infections:</b> difficulty or increased need to urinate; pain or burning sensation when passing urine, pain in the pelvis or mid-back, urine that appears cloudy		√	
<b>UNCOMMON</b>			

Serious side effects and what to do about them			
Symptom / effect	Talk to your healthcare professional		Stop taking drug and get immediate medical help
	Only if severe	In all cases	
<b>Allergic reaction:</b> hives, rash, swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing			√
<b>Anemia/neutropenia/ lymphopenia</b> (low blood cell counts): fatigue, loss of energy, weakness, shortness of breath		√	
<b>Bronchitis:</b> persistent cough, fatigue, shortness of breath		√	
<b>Congestive heart failure:</b> shortness of breath when you exert yourself or lie down, swelling in your legs, ankles and feet, irregular heartbeat, persistent cough			√
<b>Deep vein thrombosis</b> (blood clot in the leg): swelling, pain or tenderness in the leg			√
<b>Flu:</b> cough, sore throat, feverish chills		√	
<b>Increased creatine kinase levels:</b> muscle weakness and/or muscle pain	√		
<b>Kidney problems:</b> change in the amount, frequency or colour (pale or dark) of urine		√	
<b>Liver problems:</b> yellowing of the skin or eyes, dark urine, abdominal pain, nausea, throwing up, loss of appetite with itching			√
<b>Lung cancer:</b> Worsening cough, shortness of breath, chest pain, loss of appetite, coughing up blood, fatigue, unexplained weight loss			√
<b>Lymphoma</b> (cancer of the lymphatic system): painless swelling of lymph node, swollen tonsils, fever, chills, night sweats, feeling tired, itching, unexplained weight loss, loss of appetite, persistent coughing/ difficulty breathing or not being able to breathe, and headache			√
<b>Peripheral edema:</b> swelling of legs and ankles or the arms and hands		√	
<b>Pulmonary embolism</b> (blood clot in the lung): sharp chest pain, coughing up blood, sudden shortness of breath			√

Serious side effects and what to do about them			
Symptom / effect	Talk to your healthcare professional		Stop taking drug and get immediate medical help
	Only if severe	In all cases	
<b>Skin cancer:</b> lesions during or after therapy or if existing lesions change appearance		√	

If you have a troublesome symptom or side effect that is not listed here or becomes bad enough to interfere with your daily activities, talk to your healthcare professional.

#### **REPORTING SIDE EFFECTS**

You can report any suspected side effects associated with the use of health products to Health Canada by:

- Visiting the Web page on Adverse Reaction Reporting (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/medeffect-canada/adverse-reaction-reporting.html>) for information on how to report online, by mail or by fax; or
- Calling toll-free at 1-866-234-2345.

*NOTE: Contact your health professional if you need information about how to manage your side effects. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice.*

#### **Storage:**

Store between 15°C and 30°C.

Keep out of sight and reach of children.

#### **If you want more information about TARO-TOFACITINIB:**

- Talk to your healthcare professional
- Find the full product monograph that is prepared for healthcare professionals and includes this Patient Medication Information by visiting the Health Canada Website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/drug-products/drug-product-database.html>, the manufacturer's website [www.taro.ca](http://www.taro.ca) or by contacting Taro Pharmaceuticals Inc. at 1-800-268-1975.

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