FASENRA (benralizumab) injection, for subcutaneous use

Full Prescribing Information: Contents*

1 Indications and Usage

FASENRA is indicated for the add-on maintenance treatment of patients with severe asthma aged 12 years and older, and with an eosinophilic phenotype [see Clinical Studies (14)].

Limitations of use:

- Not for treatment of other eosinophilic conditions. (1)
- Not for relief of acute bronchospasm or status asthmaticus. (1)

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Dosage and Administration (2) 

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2. DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Recommended Dose

FASENRA is for subcutaneous use only. The recommended dose of FASENRA is 30 mg administered once every 4 weeks for the first 3 doses, and then once every 8 weeks thereafter by subcutaneous injection into the upper arm, thigh, or abdomen.

2.2 General Administration Instructions

FASENRA is intended for use under the guidance of a healthcare provider. In line with clinical practice, monitoring of patients after administration of biologic agents is recommended [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].

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3. CONTRAINDICATIONS

Known hypersensitivity to benralizumab or excipients. (4)

4. WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Hypersensitivity reactions: Hypersensitivity reactions (e.g., anaphylaxis, angioedema, urticaria, rash) have occurred after administration of FASENRA. Discontinue in the event of a hypersensitivity reaction. (5.1)
- Reduction in Corticosteroid Dosage: Do not discontinue systemic or inhaled corticosteroids abruptly upon initiation of therapy with FASENRA. Decrease corticosteroids gradually, if appropriate. (5.3)
- Parasitic (Helminth) Infection: Treat patients with pre-existing helminth infections before therapy with FASENRA. If patients become infected while receiving FASENRA and do not respond to anti-helminth treatment, discontinue FASENRA until the parasitic infection resolves. (5.4)

5. ADVERSE REACTIONS

Most common adverse reactions (incidence greater than or equal to 5%) include headache and pharyngitis. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact AstraZeneca at 1-800-236-9933 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

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6. PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

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2.3 Instructions for Administration of FASENRA Prefilled Syringe (Healthcare Providers)

Refer to Figure 1 to identify the prefilled syringe components for use in the administration steps.

Figure 1

![Image of syringe components]

- Needle guard activation clips
- Syringe body
- Label with expiration date
- Needle cover
- Plunger
- Finger flange
- Viewing window
- Needle

Do not touch the needle guard activation clips to prevent premature activation of the needle safety guard.

1. Grasp the syringe body, not the plunger, to remove prefilled syringe from the tray. Check the expiration date on the syringe. The syringe may contain small air bubbles; this is normal. Do not expel the air bubbles prior to administration.

2. Do not remove needle cover until ready to inject. Hold the syringe body and remove the needle cover by pulling straight off. Do not hold the plunger or plunger head while removing the needle cover or the plunger may move. If the prefilled syringe is damaged or contaminated (for example, dropped without needle cover in place), discard and use a new prefilled syringe.

3. Gently pinch the skin and insert the needle at the recommended injection site (i.e., upper arm, thigh, or abdomen).

4. Inject all of the medication by pushing in the plunger all the way until the plunger head is completely between the needle guard activation clips. This is necessary to activate the needle guard.

5. After injection, maintain pressure on the plunger head and remove the needle from the skin. Release pressure on the plunger head to allow the needle guard to cover the needle. Do not re-cap the prefilled syringe.

6. Discard the used syringe into a sharps container.

2.4 Instructions for Administration of FASENRA PEN

Refer to the FASENRA PEN ‘Instructions for Use’ for more detailed instructions on the preparation and administration of FASENRA PEN [See Instructions for Use]. A patient may self-inject or the patient caregiver may administer FASENRA PEN subcutaneously after the healthcare provider determines it is appropriate.

3. DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

FASENRA is a clear to opalescent, colorless to slightly yellow solution and may contain a few translucent or white to off-white particles.

- Injection: 30 mg/mL solution in a single-dose prefilled syringe.
- Injection: 30 mg/mL solution in a single-dose autoinjector FASENRA PEN.

4. CONTRAINDICATIONS

FASENRA is contraindicated in patients who have known hypersensitivity to benralizumab or any of its excipients [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].

5. WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Hypersensitivity Reactions

Hypersensitivity reactions (e.g., anaphylaxis, angioedema, urticaria, rash) have occurred following administration of FASENRA. These reactions generally occur within hours of administration, but in some instances have a delayed onset (i.e., days). In the event of a hypersensitivity reaction, FASENRA should be discontinued [see Contraindications (4)].

5.2 Acute Asthma Symptoms or Deteriorating Disease

FASENRA should not be used to treat acute asthma symptoms or acute exacerbations. Do not use FASENRA to treat acute bronchospasm or status asthmaticus. Patients should seek medical advice if their asthma remains uncontrolled or worsens after initiation of treatment with FASENRA.

5.3 Reduction of Corticosteroid Dosage

Do not discontinue systemic or inhaled corticosteroids abruptly upon initiation of therapy with FASENRA. Reductions in corticosteroid dose, if appropriate, should be gradual and performed under the direct supervision of a physician. Reduction in corticosteroid dose may be associated with systemic withdrawal symptoms and/or unmask conditions previously suppressed by systemic corticosteroid therapy.

5.4 Parasitic (Helminth) Infection

Eosinophilia may be involved in the immunological response to some helminth infections. Patients with known helminth infections were excluded from participation in clinical trials. It is unknown if FASENRA will influence a patient’s response against helminth infections.

Treat patients with pre-existing helminth infections before initiating therapy with FASENRA. If patients become infected while receiving treatment with FASENRA and do not respond to anti-helminth treatment, discontinue treatment with FASENRA until infection resolves.

6. ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following adverse reactions are described in greater detail in other sections:

- Hypersensitivity Reactions [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

Across Trials 1, 2, and 3, 1,808 patients received at least 1 dose of FASENRA [see Clinical Studies (14)]. The data described below reflect exposure to FASENRA in 1,663 patients, including 1,556 exposed for at least 24 weeks and 1,387 exposed for at least 48 weeks. The safety exposure for FASENRA is derived from two Phase 3 placebo-controlled studies (Trials 1 and 2) from 48 weeks duration [FASENRA every 4 weeks (N=841), FASENRA every 4 weeks for 3 doses, then every 8 weeks (N=822), and placebo (N=847)]. While a dosing regimen of FASENRA every 8 weeks (n=822), and placebo (n=847). Across Trials 1, 2, and 3, 1,808 patients received at least 1 dose of FASENRA [see Clinical Studies (14)]. The data described below reflect exposure to FASENRA in 1,663 patients, including 1,556 exposed for at least 24 weeks and 1,387 exposed for at least 48 weeks. The safety exposure for FASENRA is derived from two Phase 3 placebo-controlled studies (Trials 1 and 2) from 48 weeks duration [FASENRA every 4 weeks (N=841), FASENRA every 4 weeks for 3 doses, then every 8 weeks (N=822), and placebo (N=847)]. While a dosing regimen of FASENRA every 8 weeks was included in clinical trials, FASENRA administered every 4 weeks for 3 doses, then every 8 weeks thereafter is the recommended dose [see Dosage and Administration (2.1)]. The population studied was 12 to 75 years of age, of which 64% were female and 79% were white.

Adverse reactions that occurred at greater than or equal to 3% incidence are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Adverse Reactions with FASENRA with Greater than or Equal to 3% Incidence in Patients with Asthma (Trials 1 and 2)

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* Pharyngitis was defined by the following terms: ‘Pharyngitis’, ‘Pharyngitis bacterial’, ‘Viral pharyngitis’, ‘Pharyngitis streptococcal’.
† Hypersensitivity Reactions were defined by the following terms: ‘Urticaria’, ‘Urticaria papular’, and ‘Rash’ [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].
28-Week Trial
Adverse reactions from Trial 3 with 28 weeks of treatment with FASENRA (n=73) or placebo (n=75) in which the incidence was more common in FASENRA than placebo include headache (8.2% compared to 5.3%, respectively) and pyrexia (2.7% compared to 1.3%, respectively) [see Clinical Studies (14)]. The frequencies for the remaining adverse reactions with FASENRA were similar to placebo.

Injection site reactions
In Trials 1 and 2, injection site reactions (e.g., pain, erythema, pruritus, papule) occurred at a rate of 2.2% in patients treated with FASENRA compared with 1.9% in patients treated with placebo.

6.2 Immunogenicity
As with all therapeutic proteins, there is potential for immunogenicity. The detection of antibody formation is highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay. Additionally, the observed incidence of antibody (including neutralizing antibody) positivity in an assay may be influenced by several factors including assay methodology, sample handling, timing of sample collection, concomitant medications, and underlying disease. For these reasons, comparison of the incidence of antibodies to benralizumab in the studies described below with the incidence of antibodies in other studies or to other products may be misleading.

Overall, treatment-emergent anti-drug antibody response developed in 13% of patients treated with FASENRA at the recommended dosing regimen during the 48 to 56 week treatment period. A total of 12% of patients treated with FASENRA developed neutralizing antibodies. Anti-benralizumab antibodies were associated with increased clearance of benralizumab and increased blood eosinophil levels in patients with high anti-drug antibody titers compared to antibody negative patients. No evidence of an association of anti-drug antibodies with efficacy or safety was observed.

The data reflect the percentage of patients whose test results were positive for antibodies to benralizumab in specific assays.

6.3 Postmarketing Experience
In addition to adverse reactions reported from clinical trials, the following adverse reactions have been identified during post approval use of FASENRA. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure. These events have been chosen for inclusion due to either their seriousness, frequency of reporting, or causal connection to FASENRA or a combination of these factors.

Immune System Disorders: Hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS
No formal drug interaction studies have been conducted.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS
8.1 Pregnancy
Pregnancy Exposure Registry
There is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed to FASENRA during pregnancy. Healthcare providers can enroll patients or encourage patients to enroll themselves by calling 1-877-311-8872 or visiting motherandbaby.org/Faseena.

Risk Summary
The data on pregnancy exposure from the clinical trials are insufficient to inform on drug-associated risk. Monoclonal antibodies such as benralizumab are transported across the placenta during the third trimester of pregnancy; therefore, potential effects on a fetus are likely to be greater during the third trimester of pregnancy. In preclinical studies done in cynomolgus monkeys, there was no evidence of fetal harm with IV administration of benralizumab throughout pregnancy at doses that produced exposures up to approximately 310 times the exposure at the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 30 mg SC [see Data].

In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2% to 4% and 15% to 20%, respectively.

Clinical Considerations
Disease-associated maternal and/or embryo/fetal risk: In women with poorly or moderately controlled asthma, evidence demonstrates that there is an increased risk of preeclampsia in the mother and prematurity, low birth weight, and small for gestational age in the neonate. The level of asthma control should be closely monitored in pregnant women and treatment adjusted as necessary to maintain optimal control.

Data
Animal Data
In a prenatal and postnatal development study, pregnant cynomolgus monkeys received benralizumab from beginning on GD20 to GD22 (dependent on pregnancy determination), on GD35, once every 14 days thereafter throughout the gestation period and 1-month postpartum (maximum 14 doses) at doses that produced exposures up to approximately 310 times that achieved with the MRHD (on an AUC basis with maternal IV doses up to 30 mg/kg once every 2 weeks). Benralizumab did not elicit adverse effects on fetal or neonatal growth (including immune function) up to 6.5 months after birth. There was no evidence of treatment-related external, visceral, or skeletal malformations. Benralizumab was not teratogenic in cynomolgus monkeys. Benralizumab concentrations were approximately equal in mothers and infants on postpartum day 7, but were lower in infants at later time points. Eosinophil counts were suppressed in infant monkeys with gradual recovery by 6 months postpartum; however, recovery of eosinophil counts was not observed for one infant monkey during this period.

8.2 Lactation
Risk Summary
There is no information regarding the presence of benralizumab in human or animal milk, and the effects of benralizumab on the breast fed infant and on milk production are not known. However, benralizumab is a humanized monoclonal antibody (IgG1/kappa-class), and immunoglobulin G (IgG) is present in human milk in small amounts. If benralizumab is transferred into human milk, the effects of local exposure in the gastrointestinal tract and potential limited systemic exposure in the infant to benralizumab are unknown. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother’s clinical need for benralizumab and any potential adverse effects on the breast-fed child from benralizumab or from the underlying maternal condition.

8.4 Pediatric Use
There were 108 adolescents aged 12 to 17 with asthma enrolled in the Phase 3 exacerbation trials (Trial 1: n=53, Trial 2: n=55). Of these, 46 received placebo, 40 received FASENRA every 4 weeks for 3 doses, followed by every 8 weeks thereafter, and 22 received FASENRA every 4 weeks. Patients were required to have a history of 2 or more asthma exacerbations requiring oral or systemic corticosteroid treatment in the past 12 months and reduced lung function at baseline (pre-bronchodilator FEV1<90%) despite regular treatment with medium or high dose ICS and LABA with or without OCS or other controller therapy. The pharmacokinetics of benralizumab in adolescents 12 to 17 years of age were consistent with adults based on population pharmacokinetic analysis and the reduction in blood eosinophil counts was similar to that observed in adults following the same FASENRA treatment. The adverse event profile in adolescents was generally similar to the overall population in the Phase 3 studies [see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]. The safety and efficacy in patients younger than 12 years of age has not been established.

8.5 Geriatric Use
Of the total number of patients in clinical trials of benralizumab, 13% (n=320) were 65 and over, while 0.4% (n=9) were 75 and over. No overall differences in safety or effectiveness were observed between these patients and younger patients, and other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients, but greater sensitivity of some older individuals cannot be ruled out.

10 OVERDOSAGE
Doses up to 200 mg were administering subcutaneously in clinical trials to patients with eosinophilic disease without evidence of dose-related toxicities.

There is no specific treatment for an overdose with benralizumab. If overdose occurs, the patient should be treated supportive with appropriate monitoring as necessary.

11 DESCRIPTION
Benralizumab is a humanized monoclonal antibody (IgG1/kappa-class) selective for interleukin-5 receptor alpha subunit (IL-5Rα). Benralizumab is produced in Chinese hamster ovary cells by recombinant DNA technology. Benralizumab has a molecular weight of approximately 150 kDa. Benralizumab (FASENRA® [benralizumab] injection, for subcutaneous use) is a sterile, preservative-free, clear to opalescent, colorless to slightly yellow solution for subcutaneous injection. Since benralizumab is a protein, a few translucent or white to off-white particles may be present in the solution. Each single-dose prefilled syringe or single-dose autoinjector delivers 1 mL containing 30 mg benralizumab, L-histidine (1.4 mg); L-histidine hydrochloride monohydrate (2.3 mg); polysorbate 20 (0.06 mg); α, α'-trehalose dihydrate (95 mg); and Water for Injection, USP. The single-dose prefilled syringe or single-dose autoinjector contains a 1 mL glass syringe with a staked 29 gauge ½ inch stainless steel needle.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY
12.1 Mechanism of Action
Benralizumab is a humanized afucosylated, monoclonal antibody (IgG1, kappa) that directly binds to the alpha subunit of the human interleukin-5 receptor (IL-5Rα) with a dissociation constant of 11 pM. The IL-5 receptor is expressed on the surface of eosinophils and basophils. In an in vitro setting, the absence of fucose in the Fc domain of benralizumab facilitates binding (45.5 nM) to FcγRIIα receptors on immune
Inflammation is an important component in the pathogenesis of asthma. Multiple cell types (e.g., mast cells, eosinophils, neutrophils, macrophages, lymphocytes) and mediators (e.g., histamine, eicosanoids, leukotrienes, cytokines) are involved in inflammation. Benralizumab, by binding to the IL-5Rα chain, reduces eosinophils through ADCC; however, the mechanism of benralizumab action in asthma has not been definitively established.

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

In the Phase 2 dose-ranging trial, asthma patients received 1 of 3 doses of benralizumab [2 mg (n=81), 20 mg (n=81), or 100 mg (n=222)] or placebo (n=222). All doses were administered every 4 weeks for the first 3 doses, followed by every 8 weeks thereafter. Median blood eosinophil levels at baseline were 30, 280, 190 and 190 cells/µL in the 2, 20, and 100 mg benralizumab and placebo groups, respectively. Dose-dependent reductions in blood eosinophils were observed. At the time of the last dose (Week 40), median blood eosinophil counts were 100, 50, 40, 170 cells/µL in the 2, 20, and 100 mg benralizumab and placebo groups, respectively. A reduction in blood eosinophil counts was observed 24 hours post dosing in a Phase 2 trial.

In Trials 1 and 2, following SC administration of benralizumab at the recommended dose blood eosinophils were reduced to a median absolute blood eosinophil count of 0 cells/µL [see Clinical Studies (14)]. This magnitude of reduction was seen at the first observed time point, 4 weeks of treatment, and was maintained throughout the treatment period.

Treatment with benralizumab was also associated with reductions in blood basophils, which was consistently observed across all clinical studies. In the Phase 2 dose-ranging trial, blood basophil counts were measured by flow cytometry. Median blood basophil counts were 45, 52, 46, and 40 cells/µL in the 2 mg, 20 mg and 100 mg benralizumab and placebo groups, respectively. At 52 weeks (12 weeks after the last dose), median blood basophil counts were 42, 18, 17, and 46 cells/µL in the 2 mg, 20 mg and 100 mg benralizumab and placebo groups, respectively.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

The pharmacokinetics of benralizumab was approximately dose-proportional in patients with asthma following subcutaneous administration over a dose range of 20 to 200 mg.

Absorption

Following subcutaneous administration to patients with asthma, the absorption half-life was approximately 3.5 days. Based on population pharmacokinetic analysis, the estimated absolute bioavailability was approximately 59% and there was no clinically relevant difference in relative bioavailability in the abdomen, thigh, or arm.

Distribution

Based on population pharmacokinetic analysis, central and peripheral volume of distribution of benralizumab was 3.1 L and 2.5 L, respectively, for a 70 kg individual.

Metabolism:

Benralizumab is a humanized IgG1 monoclonal antibody that is degraded by proteolytic enzymes widely distributed in the body and not restricted to hepatic tissue.

Elimination:

From population pharmacokinetic analysis, benralizumab exhibited linear pharmacokinetics and no evidence of target receptor-mediated clearance pathway. The estimated typical systemic clearance (CL) for benralizumab was 0.29 L/d for a subject weighing 70 kg. Following subcutaneous administration, the elimination half-life was approximately 15.5 days.

Specific populations:

Age:

Based on population pharmacokinetic analysis, age did not affect benralizumab clearance.

Gender, Race:

A population pharmacokinetics analysis indicated that there was no significant effect of gender and race on benralizumab clearance.

Renal impairment:

No formal clinical studies have been conducted to investigate the effect of renal impairment on benralizumab. Based on population pharmacokinetic analysis, benralizumab clearance was comparable in subjects with creatinine clearance values between 30 and 80 mL/min and patients with normal renal function. There are limited data available in subjects with creatinine clearance values less than 30 mL/min; however, benralizumab is not cleared renally.

Hepatic impairment:

No formal clinical studies have been conducted to investigate the effect of hepatic impairment on benralizumab. IgG monoclonal antibodies are not primarily cleared via hepatic pathway; change in hepatic function is not expected to influence benralizumab clearance. Based on population pharmacokinetic analysis, baseline hepatic function biomarkers (ALT, AST, and bilirubin) had no clinically relevant effect on benralizumab clearance.

Drug-Drug Interaction:

No formal drug-drug interaction studies have been conducted.

Cytochrome P450 enzymes, efflux pumps and protein-binding mechanisms are not involved in the clearance of benralizumab. There is no evidence of IL-5Rα expression on hepatocytes and eosinophil depletion does not produce chronic systemic alterations of proinflammatory cytokines.

An effect of benralizumab on the pharmacokinetics of co-administered medications is not expected. Based on the population analysis, commonly co-administered medications had no effect on benralizumab clearance in patients with asthma.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Long-term animal studies have not been performed to evaluate the carcinogenic potential of benralizumab. Published literature using animal models suggests that IL-5 and eosinophils are part of an early inflammatory reaction at the site of tumorigenesis and can promote tumor rejection. However, other reports indicate that eosinophil infiltration into tumors can promote tumor growth. Therefore, the malignancy risk in humans from an antibody that binds to IL-5Rα such as benralizumab is unknown.

Male and female fertility were unaffected based upon no adverse histopathological findings in the reproductive organs from cynomolgus monkeys treated with benralizumab for 9 months at IV doses up to 25 mg/kg or at SC doses of up to 30 mg/kg once every 2 weeks (approximately 400 and 270 times the MRHD on an AUC basis).

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

The asthma development program for FASENRA included one 52-week dose escalation trial (NCT01238861) three confirmatory trials, (Trial 1 [NCT01928771], Trial 2 [NCT01914757], Trial 3 [NCT02075255]) and one 12-week lung function trial (NCT02322775).

Dose-Ranging Trial

The Phase 2 randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, 52-week dose-ranging trial, enrolled 609 asthmatic patients 18 years of age and older. Patients were treated with benralizumab 2 mg, 20 mg, or 100 mg or placebo administered subcutaneously every 4 weeks for 3 doses followed by every 8 weeks. The primary endpoint was the annual exacerbation rate and forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV1) and ACC-6 were key secondary endpoints. Patients were required to have a history of 2 or more asthma exacerbations (but no more than 6 exacerbations) requiring systemic corticosteroid treatment in the past 12 months, ACC-6 score of 1.5 at least twice during screening, and reduced morning lung function at screening [pre-bronchodilator FEV1, below 90%] despite treatment with medium- or high-dose ICS plus LABA. Patients were stratified by eosinophilic status. The annual exacerbation rate reduction for patients receiving benralizumab 2 mg, 20 mg, and 100 mg were -12% (80% CI: -52, 18), 34% (80% CI: 6, 54), 29% (80% CI: 10, 44), respectively, compared to placebo (rate 0.56).

Results from this trial and exposure-response modelling of exacerbation rate reduction supported the evaluation of benralizumab 30 mg in the subsequent trials [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.2 and 12.3)]. FASENRA is not approved at 2 mg, 20 mg, or 100 mg doses, and should only be administered at the recommended dose of 30 mg [see Dosage and Administration (2.1)].

Confirmatory Trials

Trial 1 and Trial 2, were randomized, double-blind, parallel-group, placebo-controlled, exacerbation trials in patients 12 years of age and older and 48 and 56 weeks in duration, respectively. The trials randomized a total of 2510 patients. Patients were required to have a history of 2 or more asthma exacerbations requiring oral or systemic corticosteroid treatment in the past 12 months, ACC-6 score of 1.5 or more at screening, and reduced lung function at baseline [pre-bronchodilator FEV1, below 80% in adults, and below 90% in adolescents] despite regular treatment with high dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) (Trial 1) or with medium or high ICS (Trial 2) plus a long-acting beta agonist (LABA) with or without oral corticosteroids (OCS) and additional asthma controller medications. Patients were stratified by geography, age, and additional asthma medications had no clinically relevant effect on benralizumab clearance.
Trial 3 was a randomized, double-blind, parallel-group, OCS reduction trial in 220 asthma patients. Patients were required treatment with daily OCS (7.5 to 40 mg per day) in addition to regular use of high-dose ICS and LABA with or without additional controller(s). The trial included an 8-week run-in period during which the OCS was titrated to the minimum effective dose without losing asthma control. For the purposes of the OCS dose titration, asthma control was assessed by the investigator based on a patient’s FEV₁, peak expiratory flow, nighttime awakenings, short-acting bronchodilator rescue medication use or any other symptoms that would require an increase in OCS dose. Baseline median OCS dose was similar across all treatment groups. Patients were required to have blood eosinophil counts greater than or equal to 150 cells/µL and a history of at least one exacerbation in the past 12 months. The baseline median OCS dose was 10 mg (range: 8 to 40 mg) for all 3 treatment groups (placebo, FASENRA every 4 weeks, and FASENRA every 4 weeks for the first 3 doses, and then once every 8 weeks).

While 2 dosing regimens were studied in Trials 1, 2, and 3, the recommended dosing regimen is 30 mg FASENRA administered every 4 weeks for the first 3 doses, then every 8 weeks thereafter [see Dosage and Administration (2.1)].

### Table 2. Demographics and Baseline Characteristics of Asthma Trials

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<th>Mean post-SABA FEV₁/FVC (%)</th>
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### Table 3. Rate of Exacerbations, Trial 1 and 2 (ITT Population)

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### Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Cumulative Incidence Curves for Time to First Exacerbation, Trial 1

The time to first exacerbation was longer for the patients receiving FASENRA compared with placebo in Trial 1 (Figure 2). Similar findings were seen in Trial 2.

### Figure 3. Mean Change from Baseline in Pre-Bronchodilator FEV₁ (L), Trial 2

Change from baseline in mean FEV₁ was assessed in Trials 1, 2, and 3 as a secondary endpoint. Compared with placebo, FASENRA provided consistent improvements over time in the mean change from baseline in FEV₁ (Figure 2 and Table 4).

### Lung Function

Change from baseline in mean FEV₁ was assessed in Trials 1, 2, and 3 as a secondary endpoint. Compared with placebo, FASENRA provided consistent improvements over time in the mean change from baseline in FEV₁ (Figure 3 and Table 4).
Sub group analyses also showed greater improvements in FEV₁ in patients with higher baseline blood eosinophil counts and more frequent prior exacerbation history.

The clinical development program for FASENRA also included a 12-week, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled lung function trial conducted in 211 patients with mild to moderate asthma. Patients were treated with placebo or benralizumab 30 mg SC every 4 weeks for 3 doses. Lung function, as measured by the change from baseline in FEV₁ at Week 12 was improved in the benralizumab treatment group compared to placebo.

### 16.2 Storage and Handling

FASENRA (benralizumab) injection is a sterile, preservative-free, clear to opalescent, colorless to slightly yellow solution and may contain a few translucent or white to off-white particles, for subcutaneous injection supplied as a single-dose prefilled syringe or single-dose autoinjector. The prefilled syringe (including stopper and cap) and autoinjector are not made with natural rubber latex.

FASENRA is available as:

- **Single-Dose Prefilled Syringe**
  - Carton contains one 30 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: NDC 0310-1730-30
- **Single-Dose Autoinjector FASENRA PEN**
  - Carton contains one 30 mg/mL single-dose autoinjector: NDC 0310-1830-30

### 16.2 Storage and Handling

Store refrigerated at 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C) in the original carton to protect from light.

If needed, the prefilled syringe and autoinjector may be stored at room temperature up to 77°F (25°C) for a maximum of 14 days in the original carton to protect from light. Once removed from the refrigerator and brought to room temperature (up to 77°F [25°C]), the prefilled syringe and autoinjector must be used within 14 days or discarded.

Do not freeze. Do not shake. Do not expose to heat.

### 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advisce the patients and/or caregivers to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Patient Information and Instructions for Use for FASENRA PEN) before the patient starts using FASENRA and each time the prescription is renewed as there may be new information they need to know.

Provide proper training to patients and/or caregivers on proper subcutaneous injection technique using the FASENRA PEN, including aseptic technique, and the preparation and administration of FASENRA PEN prior to use. Advise patients to follow sharps disposal recommendations [see Instructions for Use].

#### Hypersensitivity Reactions

Inform patients that hypersensitivity reactions (e.g., anaphylaxis, angioedema, urticaria, rash) have occurred after administration of FASENRA. These reactions generally occurred within hours of FASENRA administration, but in some instances had a delayed onset (i.e., days). Instruct patients to contact their healthcare provider if they experience symptoms of an allergic reaction [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].

#### Not for Acute Symptoms or Deteriorating Disease

Inform patients that FASENRA does not treat acute asthma symptoms or acute exacerbations. Inform patients to seek medical advice if their asthma remains uncontrolled or worsens after initiation of treatment with FASENRA [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].

#### Reduction of Corticosteroid Dosage

Inform patients to not discontinue systemic or inhaled corticosteroids except under the direct supervision of a physician. Inform patients that reduction in corticosteroid dose may be associated with systemic withdrawal symptoms and/or unmask conditions previously suppressed by systemic corticosteroid therapy [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)].

#### Pregnancy Exposure Registry

Inform women there is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed to FASENRA during pregnancy and that they can enroll in the Pregnancy Exposure Registry by calling 1-877-311-8972 or by visiting mothertobaby.org/Fasenra [see Use in Specific Populations (8.1)].

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What is FASENRA?
FASENRA is a prescription medicine used with other asthma medicines for the maintenance treatment of asthma in people 12 years and older whose asthma is not controlled with their current asthma medicines. FASENRA helps prevent severe asthma attacks (exacerbations) and may improve your breathing. Medicines such as FASENRA reduce blood eosinophils. Eosinophils are a type of white blood cell that may contribute to your asthma.

• FASENRA is not used to treat other problems caused by eosinophils.
• FASENRA is not used to treat sudden breathing problems. Tell your healthcare provider if your asthma does not get better or if it gets worse after you start treatment with FASENRA.

It is not known if FASENRA is safe and effective in children under 12 years of age.

Do not use FASENRA if you are allergic to benralizumab or any of the ingredients in FASENRA. See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in FASENRA.

Before using FASENRA, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

• are taking oral or inhaled corticosteroid medicines. Do not stop taking your corticosteroid medicines unless instructed by your healthcare provider. This may cause other symptoms that were controlled by the corticosteroid medicine to come back.
• have a parasitic (helminth) infection.
• are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if FASENRA will harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider if you become pregnant during your treatment with FASENRA.
  ◦ Pregnancy Registry. There is a pregnancy registry for women who use FASENRA while pregnant. The purpose of the registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. You can talk to your healthcare provider about how to take part in this registry or you can get more information and register by calling 1-877-311-8972 or go to mothertobaby.org/Fasenra.
• are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if FASENRA passes into your breast milk. You and your healthcare provider should decide if you will use FASENRA and breastfeed. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby if you use FASENRA.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Do not stop taking your other asthma medicines unless your healthcare provider tells you to.

How will I use FASENRA?

• FASENRA is injected under your skin (subcutaneously) one time every 4 weeks for the first 3 doses, and then every 8 weeks. FASENRA comes in a single dose prefilled syringe and in a single dose autoinjector.
• A healthcare provider will inject FASENRA using the single-dose prefilled syringe.
• If your healthcare provider decides that you or a caregiver can give the injection of FASENRA, you or your caregiver should receive training on the right way to prepare and give the injection using the FASENRA PEN.
• Do not try to inject FASENRA until you have been shown the right way by your healthcare provider. See the detailed “Instructions for Use” that comes with FASENRA PEN for information on how to prepare and inject FASENRA.
• If you miss a dose of FASENRA, call your healthcare provider.
What are the possible side effects of FASENRA?

FASENRA may cause serious side effects, including:

- **allergic (hypersensitivity) reactions, including anaphylaxis.** Serious allergic reactions can happen after you get your FASENRA injection. Allergic reactions can sometimes happen hours or days after you get your injection. Tell your healthcare provider or get emergency help right away if you have any of the following symptoms of an allergic reaction:
  - swelling of your face, mouth and tongue
  - breathing problems
  - fainting, dizziness, feeling lightheaded (low blood pressure)
  - rash
  - hives

The most common side effects of FASENRA include headache and sore throat.

These are not all the possible side effects of FASENRA.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store FASENRA?

- Store FASENRA in the refrigerator between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C).
- FASENRA may be stored at room temperature between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C) for up to 14 days.
- Once removed from the refrigerator and brought to room temperature FASENRA must be used within 14 days or thrown away.
- Store FASENRA in the original carton until you are ready to use it to protect it from light.
- Do not freeze FASENRA. Do not use FASENRA that has been frozen.
- Do not expose FASENRA to heat.
- Do not use FASENRA past the expiration date.
- Keep FASENRA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the safe and effective use of FASENRA.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use FASENRA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give FASENRA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about FASENRA that is written for health providers.

What are the ingredients in FASENRA?

**Active ingredient:** benralizumab

**Inactive ingredients:** L-histidine, L-histidine hydrochloride monohydrate, polysorbate 20, α,α-trehalose dihydrate, and Water for Injection

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For more information, go to https://www.FASENRA.com or call 1-800-236-9933.
Before using your FASENRA PEN, your healthcare provider should show you or your caregiver how to use it the right way.

Read this Instructions for Use before you start using your FASENRA PEN and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or your treatment.

If you or your caregiver have any questions, talk to your healthcare provider.

Important information:
- Store FASENRA in a refrigerator between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C) in its original carton until you are ready to use it.
- FASENRA may be kept at room temperature between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C) for a maximum of 14 days.
- Once removed from the refrigerator and brought to room temperature, FASENRA must be used within 14 days or thrown away (disposed of).

Do not use your FASENRA PEN if:
- it has been frozen
- it has been dropped or damaged
- the security seal on the carton has been broken
- the expiration date (EXP) has passed

Do not:
- shake your FASENRA PEN
- share or reuse your FASENRA PEN
- expose your FASENRA PEN to heat

If any of these happen, throw away the FASENRA PEN in a puncture-resistant sharps disposal container and use a new FASENRA PEN.

Each FASENRA PEN contains 1 dose of FASENRA that is for one time use only.

Keep FASENRA and all medicines out of the sight and reach of children.

Your FASENRA PEN

Do not remove the cap until you have reached Step 6 of these instructions and are ready to inject FASENRA.

Step 1 – Gather supplies
- 1 FASENRA PEN from the refrigerator
- 1 alcohol wipe
- 1 cotton ball or gauze
- 1 bandage
- 1 puncture-resistant sharps disposal container. See Step 10 for instructions on how to throw away (dispose of) the used FASENRA PEN safely.
Step 2 – Prepare to use your FASENRA PEN

Check the expiration date (EXP). Do not use if the expiration date has passed.

Let FASENRA warm up at room temperature between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C) for about 30 minutes before giving the injection.

Do not warm the FASENRA PEN in any other way. For example, do not warm it in a microwave or hot water, or put it near other heat sources.

Use FASENRA within 14 days of removing from the refrigerator. After 14 days, throw away the FASENRA PEN.

Do not remove the cap until you have reached Step 6.

Step 3 – Check the liquid

Look at the liquid in the FASENRA PEN through the viewing window. The liquid should be clear and colorless to slightly yellow. It may contain small white particles.

Do not inject FASENRA if the liquid is cloudy, discolored, or contains large particles.

You may see small air bubbles in the liquid. This is normal. You do not need to do anything about it.

Step 4 – Choose the injection site

If you are giving yourself the injection, the recommended injection site is the front of your thigh or the lower part of your stomach (abdomen).

A caregiver may inject you in the upper-arm, thigh, or abdomen. Do not try to inject yourself in the arm.

For each injection, choose a different site that is at least 1-inch (3-cm) away from where you last injected.

Do not inject:
• into the 2-inch (5-cm) area around your belly-button
• where the skin is tender, bruised, scaly or hard
• into scars or damaged skin
• through clothing

Step 5 – Clean the injection site

Wash your hands well with soap and water.

Clean the injection site with an alcohol wipe in a circular motion. Let it air dry.

Do not touch the cleaned area before injecting.

Do not fan or blow on the cleaned area.
Step 6 – Pull off the cap
Hold the FASENRA PEN with 1 hand. Carefully pull the cap straight off with your other hand.
Put the cap aside to throw away later.
The green needle guard is now exposed. It is there to prevent you from touching the needle.
**Do not** try to touch the needle or push on the needle guard with your finger.
**Do not** try to put the cap back on the FASENRA PEN. You could cause the injection to happen too soon or damage the needle.
Complete the following steps right away after removing the cap.

Step 7 – Inject FASENRA
Follow your healthcare providers instructions on how to inject. You can either gently pinch at the injection site or give the injection without pinching the skin.
Inject FASENRA by following the steps in figures a, b, c, and d.
Hold the FASENRA PEN in place for the entire injection.
**Do not** change the position of the FASENRA PEN after the injection has started.

Position the FASENRA PEN at the injection site.
Place the needle guard of the FASENRA PEN flat against your skin (90 degree angle). Make sure you can see the viewing window.

Press down firmly.
You will hear a click. A ‘click’ tells you the injection has started. The green plunger will move down in the viewing window during the injection.

Hold down firmly for 15 seconds.
You will hear a second ‘click’. The second click tells you the injection has finished. The green plunger will fill the viewing window.

Lift the FASENRA PEN straight up.
The needle guard will slide down and lock into place over the needle.

Step 8 – Check the viewing window
Check the viewing window to make sure all the liquid has been injected.
If the green plunger does not fill the viewing window, you may not have received the full dose. If this happens or if you have any other concerns, call your healthcare provider.

Before Injection
After Injection
Step 9 – Check the injection site

There may be a small amount of blood or liquid where you injected. This is normal. Gently hold pressure over your skin with a cotton ball or gauze until the bleeding stops. **Do not** rub the injection site.

If needed, cover the injection site with a small bandage.

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Step 10 – Dispose of the used FASENRA PEN safely

- Each FASENRA PEN contains a single dose of FASENRA and **cannot be reused**.
- Put your used FASENRA PEN in a FDA-cleared **sharps disposal container** right away after use.

**Do not** throw away the FASENRA PEN in your household trash.

Throw away the cap and other used supplies in your household trash.

**Disposal guidelines**

If you do not have a FDA-cleared sharps disposal container, you may use a household container that is:
- made of a heavy-duty plastic,
- can be closed with a tight-fitting puncture-resistant lid, without sharps being able to come out,
- upright and stable during use,
- leak-resistant, and
- properly labeled to warn of hazardous waste inside the container.

When your sharps disposal container is almost full, you will need to follow your community guidelines for the right way to dispose of your sharps disposal container. There may be state or local laws about how you should throw away used needles and syringes. For more information about safe sharps disposal, and for specific information about sharps disposal in the area that you live in, go to the FDA's website at: [http://www.fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal](http://www.fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal).

**Do not** dispose of your used sharps disposal container in your household trash unless your community guidelines permit this. **Do not** recycle your used sharps disposal container.

For more information go to [www.FasenraPen.com](http://www.FasenraPen.com) or call 1-800-236-9933. If you still have questions, call your healthcare provider.

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