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**Rapid Policy Statement** 

# Interim Clinical Commissioning Policy: Antivirals or neutralising monoclonal antibodies in the treatment of COVID-19 in hospitalised patients (Version 5)

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# **Commissioning position**

Neutralising monoclonal antibodies (nMABs) or antivirals are recommended to be available as a treatment option for COVID-19 through routine commissioning for adults and children (aged 12 years and above) in hospital with COVID-19 infection in accordance with the criteria set out in this document.

This policy applies to hospitalised patients with COVID-19 that are symptomatic and showing no evidence of clinical recovery and covers the following populations:

## 1) Group 1. Patients hospitalised for acute COVID-19 illness:

For treatment with casirivimab and imdevimab (an nMAB combination)<sup>1</sup>

Patients admitted to hospital due to COVID-19 who are ineligible for casirivimab and imdevimab may be considered for entry into the <u>RECOVERY</u> trial, which is studying sotrovimab versus standard of care.

## 2) Group 2. Patients with hospital-onset COVID-19

For treatment with one of the following:

- First-line: PF-07321332 (may also be known as nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir (Paxlovid, antiviral)<sup>2</sup>
- Second-line: Remdesivir (antiviral)
- Third-line: Sotrovimab (nMAB)

Further information on selecting the most appropriate treatment can be found in the <u>Clinical</u> <u>Guide which accompanies this policy</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Remdesivir is also a treatment option for some patients hospitalised for symptoms of COVID-19 requiring low-flow supplemental oxygen. Please refer to the UK Clinical Commissioning Policy for <u>remdesivir</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This therapy will be referred to in this document as PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir

Combination treatment with an nMAB and an antiviral is **NOT** routinely recommended.

# Background

nMABs are synthetic monoclonal antibodies that bind to the spike protein of SARS-CoV-2, preventing subsequent entry of the virus into the host cell and its replication. This effectively 'neutralises' the virus particle. Antiviral medications inhibit viral replication and prevent progression of infection.

Recent evidence suggests that antivirals and nMABs significantly improve clinical outcomes in patients with COVID-19 who are at high risk of progression to severe disease and/or death. The following products have conditional marketing authorisation for the treatment of patients with COVID-19:

#### 1) Casirivimab and imdevimab

#### Evidence

Results from the RECOVERY trial indicate that casirivimab and imdevimab, an nMAB combination, reduced the relative risk of mortality by 20% (24% in the treatment group vs 30% in those who received standard care alone) in hospitalised patients with COVID-19 who had not mounted an antibody response of their own to the virus (were seronegative<sup>3</sup>) at the time of treatment. Emerging evidence however indicates that the casirivimab and imdevimab combination has significantly decreased efficacy against the Omicron variant of concern (Hoffmann et al, 2021).

#### Marketing authorisation

Casirivimab and imdevimab delivered intravenously has conditional marketing authorisation in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) for use in prophylaxis and treatment of acute COVID-19 infection in adults and children (aged 12 years and above and weighing at least 40kg). Access to casirivimab and imdevimab in Northern Ireland for the above indications is through a Regulation 174 approval or a licensing determination by the European Medicines Agency.

## 2) PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir

## <u>Evidence</u>

<u>Final results</u> from the EPIC HR trial indicate that the dual oral antiviral PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir resulted in a relative risk reduction of hospitalisation or death by 89% (within 3 day of symptom onset) and 88% (within 5 days of symptom onset) compared to placebo in non-hospitalised, high-risk adults with COVID-19.

## Marketing authorisation

PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir administered orally has conditional marketing authorisation in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) for the treatment of COVID-19 in adults who do not require supplemental oxygen and who are at increased risk for progression to severe COVID-19. Access to PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir in Northern Ireland for this indication is through a Regulation 174 approval or a licensing determination by the European Medicines Agency.

## 3) Remdesivir

<u>Evidence</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Refers to patients who were negative for serum antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 spike protein (anti-S antibody negative)

Remdesivir administered intravenously over 3 days to non-hospitalised patients within 7 days of COVID-19 symptom onset and had risk factors for disease progression<sup>4</sup>, resulted in a relative risk reduction of 87% in hospitalisation or death at day 28 (Gottlieb et al, 2021).

#### Marketing authorisation

Remdesivir delivered intravenously has conditional marketing authorisation in the UK for the following indications:

- treatment of COVID-19 in adults and adolescents (aged 12 years and over and weighing at least 40kg) with pneumonia requiring supplemental oxygen (low- or high-flow oxygen or other non-invasive ventilation at start of treatment), for a treatment duration of 5-10 days.
- treatment of COVID-19 in adults who do not require supplemental oxygen and who are at increased risk of progressing to severe COVID-19 within 7 days of symptom onset, for a treatment duration of 3 days.

## Use of remdesivir under this policy in children aged 12-17 years would be off-label.

#### 4) Sotrovimab

#### <u>Evidence</u>

Interim analysis of the COMET-ICE trial, which studied sotrovimab administered intravenously to non-hospitalised patients with mild-to-moderate disease and at least one risk factor for disease progression, showed a relative risk reduction in hospitalisation or death at day 29 by 85% in patients treated with sotrovimab compared with placebo (Gupta et al, 2021a). The final analysis of this study has shown a relative risk reduction in hospitalisation or death at day 29 by 79% in patients treated with sotrovimab compared with placebo (Gupta et al, 2021b)

#### Marketing authorisation

Sotrovimab delivered intravenously has conditional marketing authorisation in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) for the treatment of symptomatic adults, and adolescents (aged 12 years and over and weighing at least 40kg) with acute COVID-19 infection who do not require oxygen supplementation and who are at increased risk of progressing to severe COVID-19 infection. Access to sotrovimab in Northern Ireland for the above indication is through a Regulation 174 approval or via the European Medicines Agency conditional marketing authorisation.

## **Eligibility criteria**

Patients must meet all of the eligibility criteria and none of the exclusion criteria under one of the following pathways:

## 1) Patients hospitalised for acute COVID-19 illness

Hospitalised patients are eligible to be considered for treatment with **casirivimab and imdevimab** if:

• SARS-CoV-2 infection is confirmed by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test or where a multidisciplinary team (MDT) has a high level of confidence that the clinical and/or radiological features suggest that COVID-19 is the most likely diagnosis

AND

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Risk factors for progression to severe disease included the following: hypertension, cardiovascular or cerebrovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, obesity (body mass index [BMI] ≥30 kg/m2), immunocompromised state, chronic mild or moderate kidney disease, chronic liver disease, chronic lung disease, current cancer, and sickle cell disease

- Hospitalised specifically for the management of acute symptoms of COVID-19<sup>5</sup> AND
- Negative for baseline serum anti-spike (anti-S) antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 (see section on 'Serum antibody status' below)

AND

• Genotyping confirms the patient is infected with a non-Omicron variant.

For patients hospitalised with acute COVID-19 illness there are no available routine nMAB treatment options under this policy. Please see UK Clinical Commissioning policies for dexamethasone (<u>CAS alert</u>), <u>remdesivir</u> and <u>IL-6 inhibitors</u> for these patients.

Patients admitted to hospital due to COVID-19 who are ineligible for casirivimab and imdevimab due to confirmed infection with the Omicron variant may be considered for entry into the <u>RECOVERY</u> trial, which is studying sotrovimab versus standard of care.

Samples for genotyping from patients being considered for treatment with casirivimab and imdevimab should be marked clearly as "**urgent – treatment is variant-dependent**".

Patients in Group 2 (see below) with a confirmed non-Omicron infection may be eligible for a 2.4g dose of casirivimab and imdevimab if they continue to deteriorate such that their acute COVID-19 illness requires hospital-based care, providing they fulfil the eligibility criteria for Group 1 above. The serostatus result taken prior to initial treatment (if treated with an nMAB) will inform eligibility for additional treatment<sup>6</sup>.

## 2) Patients with hospital-onset COVID-19

Patients are eligible to be considered for treatment if the initial criteria below are met:

 Hospitalised for indications other than for the management of acute symptoms of COVID-19<sup>7</sup>;

AND

- SARS-CoV-2 infection is confirmed by either:
  - Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing OR
  - Lateral flow test<sup>8</sup>

AND

• Symptomatic with COVID-19<sup>9</sup> and showing no signs of clinical recovery

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Eligible patients will be acutely ill and admitted specifically to manage symptoms of COVID-19 infection or if COVID-19 infection or if COVID-19 infection has been contracted during the hospital stay, symptoms are such that they would have otherwise prompted a hospital admission, independent of the other reasons for the patient's current admission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> As those previously treated with an nMAB will be seropositive for anti-S antibodies against SARS-CoV-2, repeat serology need not be performed upon clinical deterioration. Patients who are seronegative on baseline testing will be eligible for treatment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This includes patients admitted to community and mental health hospitals. Where possible patients being considered for intravenous treatment should be transferred to a suitable facility for treatment delivery.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> A confirmatory PCR test is recommended to support surveillance activities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The following are considered symptoms of COVID-19: feverish, chills, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, headache, red or watery eyes, body aches, loss of taste or smell, fatigue, loss of appetite, confusion, dizziness, pressure or tight chest, chest pain, stomach ache, rash, sneezing, sputum or phlegm, runny nose

AND

• The patient is a member of a 'highest' risk group (as defined in Appendix 1)

COVID-19 infection presents a material risk of destabilising a pre-existing condition or illness or compromising recovery from surgery or other hospital procedure (as determined by multidisciplinary team [MDT] assessment).

Children aged 12-17 years in Group 2 may only be considered for treatment with remdesivir (off-label) or sotrovimab. For paediatric/adolescent patients (aged 12-17 years inclusive), paediatric multi-disciplinary team (MDT) assessment should be used to determine clinical capacity to benefit from the treatment.

Eligible patients may be considered for treatment with one of the following:

- First-line: PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir (antiviral)
- Second-line: Remdesivir (antiviral)
- Third-line: Sotrovimab (nMAB)

Further information on selecting the most appropriate treatment can be found in the <u>Clinical</u> <u>Guide which accompanies this policy</u>.

Combination treatment with an nMAB and an antiviral is **NOT** routinely recommended.

## First-line: PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir

If the initial criteria for hospital-onset COVID-19 are met patients are eligible to be considered for treatment with **PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir** if:

- Treatment is commenced within 5 days of symptom onset<sup>10</sup> AND
- The patient does NOT have a history of advanced decompensated liver cirrhosis or stage 4-5 chronic kidney disease<sup>11 12</sup>

AND

 PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir treatment has been deemed safe following guidance from the appropriate specialty team(s) – see the accompanying <u>Clinical Guide</u> for treatment with antivirals and nMABs.

## Second-line: Remdesivir

If the initial criteria for hospital-onset COVID-19 are met patients are eligible to be considered for treatment with **remdesivir** if:

- Treatment with PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir is contraindicated or not possible AND
- Treatment is commenced within 7 days of symptom onset

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Treatment commencement may be extended up to a maximum of 7 days from symptom onset if clinically indicated (treatment commencement beyond 5 days from symptom onset is off-label)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> If PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir is being considered for the treatment of patients with severe renal or liver disease, the treatment decision will need to be discussed with the responsible specialist clinical team

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Dose modification in stage 3 chronic kidney disease may be considered in hospitalised patients. See the Summary of Product Characteristics for more information.

## Third-line: Sotrovimab

If the initial criteria for hospital-onset COVID-19 are met patients are eligible to be considered for treatment with **sotrovimab** if:

- Clinical judgement deems that an nMAB should be the preferred treatment OR
- Treatment with remdesivir and PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir are both contraindicated or not possible

AND

• Treatment is delivered within 5 days of symptom onset<sup>10</sup>

Where possible, all patients being considered for treatment with sotrovimab should have samples taken for serology testing against SARS-CoV-2 prior to treatment. However, serology results are **not** a requirement for treatment with nMABs under the criteria specified in this policy.

Patients who have previously received treatment with an nMAB and who meet the eligibility criteria above may receive a repeat course for a subsequent infective episode, if clinically appropriate.

Patients who have received an nMAB within a post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) or preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) trial (such as the PROTECT-V trial) who meet the eligibility criteria of this policy can still receive treatment with a sotrovimab, if this is deemed the most appropriate treatment option.

#### **Exclusion criteria**

The following patients are NOT eligible for treatment in Group 1:

- Children aged less than 12 years
- Children weighing less than 40kg
- Known hypersensitivity reaction to the active substances or to any of the excipients of casirivimab and imdevimab as listed in the respective Summary of Product Characteristics

The following patients are not eligible for treatment in Group 2:

- Require hospital-level care for the management of acute COVID-19 illness
- New supplemental oxygen requirement specifically for the management of COVID-19 symptoms
- Children aged less than 12 years
- Adolescents (aged 12-17 years) weighing less than 40kg
- Known hypersensitivity reaction to the active substances or to any of the excipients of the products as listed in the respective Summary of Product Characteristics

The following additional exclusion criteria applies to patients in Group 2 being considered for treatment with **PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir**:

- Children aged less than 18 years
- Pregnancy
- The patient is taking any of the medications listed in Appendix 2 (see accompanying Clinical Guide for further advice)

#### Serum antibody status

Patients may be tested for anti-S1 or anti-S2 antibodies using any validated quantitative or qualitative anti-S assay that measures either IgG or total antibody levels. Serostatus should be established in line with the pre-determined thresholds relevant to the assay being used by the testing laboratory. Quantitative assays with pre-specified thresholds for seropositivity should return clear binary (i.e. either 'negative' or 'positive') results based on these thresholds. For quantitative assays without a formal threshold for serostatus, clinical decision-making should guide treatment decisions.

In immunocompromised groups, very low 'positive' levels of anti-S antibody on a quantitative assay (within the bottom 10% of the assay's positive range) should be interpreted in the context of clinical decision-making and laboratory advice, and a decision to treat may still be made by the MDT on a case-by-case basis. Providers will be required to report anti-S antibody levels in treated patients, and the corresponding reference range of the local assay, for central monitoring.

In immunodeficient patients on replacement immunoglobulin (intravenous or subcutaneous), the positive detection of anti-S antibodies should be regarded as a 'positive result of unknown significance'. Patients on replacement immunoglobulin testing positive only for anti-S (and negative for anti-N) antibodies should therefore be considered to be seronegative for SARS-CoV-2, and MDT assessment should judge their eligibility for nMAB treatment. Should evidence for passive transmission of anti-N antibodies through replacement immunoglobulin emerge in the future, the detection of anti-N antibodies should also be regarded as a 'positive of unknown significance'.

If there are concerns or questions around laboratory sensitivity or cut-offs these should be discussed in the first instance with local laboratory leads who will have access to comparative and performance data from the External Quality Assessment (EQA) scheme participation.

#### Dose

#### 1) Patients hospitalised for acute COVID-19 illness

The recommended dose of casirivimab and imdevimab is 2.4g<sup>13</sup> (1.2g each of casirivimab and imdevimab) to be administered as a combined single intravenous infusion<sup>14</sup>. Patients may only receive one 2.4g dose (1.2g each of casirivimab and imdevimab) during a course of infection.

# Please note that the use of casirivimab and imdevimab in patients hospitalised with COVID-19 at the 2.4g dose is off-label.

2) Patients with hospital-onset COVID-19

The recommended dose of PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir is 300mg (two 150mg tablets) PF-07321332 (may also be known as nirmatrelvir) with 100mg (one 100mg tablet) ritonavir taken together orally twice daily for 5 days.

The recommended dose of remdesivir for this cohort is 200mg intravenously on day 1 followed by 100mg intravenously on days 2 and 3.

The recommended dose of sotrovimab is 500mg to be administered as a single intravenous infusion<sup>15</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> This dose for hospitalised patients was recommended by consensus of an expert group, based on available research and other pharmacokinetic data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> No dose adjustment is recommended in patients with renal impairment. The pharmacokinetics of casirivimab and imdevimab have not been evaluated in patients with hepatic impairment. It is not known if dosage adjustment is appropriate in patients with hepatic impairment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> No dose adjustment is recommended in patients with renal or hepatic impairment.

## Administration

#### Casirivimab and imdevimab

1.2g (10ml of 120mg/ml) of casirivimab and 1.2g (10ml of 120mg/ml) of imdevimab should be diluted in a 250mL bag of 0.9% sodium chloride and given over a minimum of 30 minutes.

Casirivimab and imdevimab should not be infused concomitantly in the same intravenous line with other medication.

Preparation and administration of casirivimab and imdevimab should be initiated and monitored by a qualified healthcare provider using aseptic technique. Administration should be under conditions where management of severe hypersensitivity reactions, such as anaphylaxis, is possible. Individuals should be monitored post intravenous infusion according to local medical practice. Refer to the Specialist Pharmacy Services institutional readiness document for further information on the handling, reconstitution and administration of the product.

#### PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir

PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir should be given as soon as possible after positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing and within 5 days of onset of symptoms<sup>10</sup>. Clinicians should assure themselves that patients are able to swallow the oral tablets.

Refer to the Specialist Pharmacy Services guidance for further information.

A missed dose should be taken as soon as possible and within 8 hours of the scheduled time, and the normal dosing schedule should be resumed. If more than 8 hours has elapsed, the missed dose should not be taken and the treatment should resume according to the normal dosing schedule.

If a patient requires hospital-based care due to severe or critical COVID-19 after starting treatment with PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir, the patient should complete the full 5-day treatment course at the discretion of his/her healthcare provider.

#### <u>Remdesivir</u>

200mg of remdesivir (day 1 loading dose) and 100mg of remdesivir (days 2 and 3 maintenance doses) should be diluted in either a 250ml or 100ml pre-filled bag of 0.9% sodium chloride solution and infused over a minimum of 30 minutes. Treatment should be initiated as soon as possible after diagnosis of COVID-19 and within 7 days of symptom onset.

Renal and liver function should be monitored carefully during treatment with remdesivir as clinically appropriate.

#### Sotrovimab

8mls of sotrovimab (62.5mg/ml) should be added to a 100ml pre-filled infusion bag containing 0.9% sodium chloride and administered over 30 minutes. Treatment should be initiated as soon as possible after diagnosis of COVID-19 and within 5 days of symptom onset<sup>10</sup>.

Sotrovimab should not be infused concomitantly in the same intravenous line with other medication.

Preparation and administration of sotrovimab should be initiated and monitored by a qualified healthcare provider using aseptic technique. Administration should be under conditions where management of severe hypersensitivity reactions, such as anaphylaxis, is possible. Individuals should be monitored post intravenous infusion according to local medical practice. Refer to the Specialist Pharmacy Services institutional readiness document for further information on the handling, reconstitution and administration of the product.

## Cautions

Please refer to the <u>Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC)</u> for <u>PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir)</u> plus ritonavir, <u>casirivimab and imdevimab</u>, <u>sotrovimab</u> and <u>remdesivir</u> for special warnings and precautions for use.

#### Casirivimab and imdevimab

Hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis, have been reported with administration of casirivimab and imdevimab. If signs or symptoms of a clinically significant hypersensitivity reaction or anaphylaxis occur, immediately discontinue administration and initiate appropriate medications and/or supportive care.

Infusion-related reactions (IRRs) have been observed with IV administration of casirivimab and imdevimab. IRRs observed in clinical studies were mostly mild to moderate in severity and were typically observed during or within 24 hours of infusion. The commonly reported signs and symptoms for these reactions included nausea, chills, dizziness (or syncope), rash, urticaria and flushing. However, IRRs may present as severe or life-threatening events and may include other signs and symptoms. If an IRR occurs, consider interrupting, slowing or stopping the infusion and administer appropriate medications and/or supportive care.

#### PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir

PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir has a risk of serious adverse reactions due to interactions with other medicinal products (see Appendix 2 for a list of these products)

Initiation of PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir, a CYP3A inhibitor, in patients receiving medicinal products metabolised by CYP3A or initiation of medicinal products metabolised by CYP3A in patients already receiving PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir, may increase plasma concentrations of medicinal products metabolised by CYP3A. Initiation of medicinal products that inhibit or induce CYP3A may increase or decrease concentrations of PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir, respectively.

These interactions may lead to:

- Clinically significant adverse reactions, potentially leading to severe, life-threatening or fatal events from greater exposures of concomitant medicinal products.
- Clinically significant adverse reactions from greater exposures of PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir.
- Loss of therapeutic effect of PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir and possible development of viral resistance.

Hepatic transaminase elevations, clinical hepatitis and jaundice have occurred in patients receiving ritonavir. Therefore, caution should be exercised when administering PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir to patients with pre-existing liver diseases, liver enzyme abnormalities or hepatitis.

#### **Remdesivir**

Hypersensitivity reactions including infusion-related and anaphylactic reactions have been observed during and following administration of remdesivir. Signs and symptoms may include hypotension, hypertension, tachycardia, bradycardia, hypoxia, fever, dyspnoea, wheezing, angioedema, rash, nausea, vomiting, diaphoresis, and shivering. Slower infusion rates, with a maximum infusion time of up to 120 minutes, can be considered to potentially prevent these signs and symptoms. Patients should be monitored for hypersensitivity reactions during and following administration of remdesivir as clinically appropriate. If signs and symptoms of a clinically significant hypersensitivity reaction occur, administration of remdesivir should be discontinued immediately and appropriate treatment initiated.

#### <u>Sotrovimab</u>

Hypersensitivity reactions, including serious and/or life-threatening reactions such as anaphylaxis, have been reported following infusion of sotrovimab. Hypersensitivity reactions typically occur within 24 hours of infusion. Signs and symptoms of these reactions may include nausea, chills, dizziness (or syncope), rash, urticaria and flushing. If signs and symptoms of severe hypersensitivity reactions occur, administration should be discontinued immediately and appropriate treatment and/or supportive care should be initiated.

If mild to moderate hypersensitivity reactions occur, slowing or stopping the infusion along with appropriate supportive care should be considered.

## **COVID-19** vaccines

Casirivimab and imdevimab or sotrovimab are not intended to be used as a substitute for vaccination against COVID-19.

Concomitant administration of an nMAB with COVID-19 vaccines has not been studied. Refer to local/national guidelines for vaccine administration and guidance on the risks associated with administration of a SARS-CoV-2 vaccine.

Further information on the timing of COVID-19 vaccination following administration of nMABs is available at the following sites:

- Liverpool COVID-19 Interactions (covid19-druginteractions.org)
- Interactions information for COVID-19 vaccines SPS Specialist Pharmacy Services

#### Pregnancy and women of childbearing potential

Clinicians should refer to the SmPCs for the relevant products for further information on use in pregnancy and women of childbearing potential. All healthcare professionals are asked to ensure that any patients who receive a COVID-19 antiviral while pregnant are reported to the UK COVID-19 antivirals in pregnancy registry on 0344 892 0909 so that they can be followed up. For more information go to <u>http://www.uktis.org/</u>. Clinicians are advised to refer to the SmPC for PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir and remdesivir for more information on use during pregnancy or lactation.

#### Casirivimab and imdevimab

The RECOVERY trial included women who were pregnant or breastfeeding, and no serious adverse events were reported. The SmPC for casirivimab and imdevimab states that it should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk for the mother and the foetus considering all associated health factors.

#### PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir

There are no human data on the use of PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir during pregnancy to inform the drug-associated risk of adverse developmental outcomes, women of childbearing potential should avoid becoming pregnant during treatment with PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir. PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir is **not recommended** during pregnancy and in women of childbearing potential not using effective contraception.

Use of ritonavir may reduce the efficacy of combined hormonal contraceptives. Patients using combined hormonal contraceptives should be advised to use an effective alternative contraceptive method or an additional barrier method of contraception during treatment and until after one complete menstrual cycle after stopping PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir.

#### **Remdesivir**

There are no or limited amount of data from the use of remdesivir in pregnant women. Remdesivir should be **avoided** in pregnancy unless clinicians believe the benefits of treatment outweigh the risks to the individual (please see SmPC for further information).

#### <u>Sotrovimab</u>

There are no data from the use of sotrovimab in pregnant women. The SmPC for sotrovimab states that sotrovimab may be used during pregnancy where the expected benefit to the mother justifies the risk to the foetus.

## **Co-administration**

Please see Appendix 2 for potential interactions involving PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir.

There is no interaction expected between nMABs or remdesivir with the drugs listed below. For further information please visit the University of Liverpool COVID-19 Drug Interactions website (https://www.covid19-druginteractions.org/checker).

#### **Corticosteroids**

The UK CAS Alert on the use of corticosteroids in patients with COVID-19 can be found <u>here</u>. Administration of systemic dexamethasone or hydrocortisone is recommended in the management of patients with severe or critical COVID-19. Corticosteroids are not suggested in non-severe COVID-19 disease. Please refer to the <u>recommendation</u> on the use of corticosteroids in the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Rapid Guideline on Managing COVID-19<sup>16</sup>. nMABs and antivirals should not be regarded as an alternative to corticosteroids.

#### <u>Remdesivir</u>

The Clinical Commissioning Policy for the use of remdesivir in hospitalised patients with COVID-19 can be found <u>here</u>.

#### IL-6 inhibitors

The Clinical Commissioning Policy for the use of IL-6 inhibitors (tocilizumab or sarilumab) in hospitalised patients with COVID-19 who require supplemental oxygen can be found <u>here</u>.

## Safety reporting

Any suspected adverse reactions from treatment with the drugs in this policy should be reported directly to the MHRA via the new dedicated COVID-19 Yellow Card reporting site at: <u>https://coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/</u>.

## Governance

#### Off-label use of medication

Any provider organisation treating patients with off-label products will be required to assure itself that the internal governance arrangements have been completed before the medicine is prescribed. These arrangements may be through the health board/hospital/trust's drugs and therapeutics committee, or equivalent.

## Data collection requirement

All patients being considered for treatment with nMABs for COVID-19 during their hospital stay should have their baseline serum antibody (anti-S) status measured prior to treatment to enable further evidence generation around the differential impact of treatment based on serology status.

Provider organisations in England should register all patients using prior approval software (alternative arrangements in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will be communicated) and ensure monitoring arrangements are in place to demonstrate compliance against the criteria as outlined.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Updated WHO guidance on the use of systemic corticosteroids in the management of COVID-19 can be found <u>here.</u>

Clinicians are also required to ensure that any data collection requirements are met for the purpose of ongoing surveillance, audit and relevant evaluation, including of clinical effectiveness, around the use of nMABs (see 'Surveillance and service evaluation' section below).

## **Clinical outcome reporting**

It is vital to be able to monitor the clinical progression of patients treated with nMABs. Hospitals managing COVID-19 patients are strongly encouraged to submit data through the ISARIC 4C Clinical Characterisation Protocol (CCP) case report forms (CRFs), as coordinated by the COVID-19 Clinical Information Network (CO-CIN) (<u>https://isaric4c.net/protocols/</u>). In addition, completion of the Blueteq forms (in England) will provide further essential data. Intermittent blood sampling (sparse sampling) may be required to collect serum concentration data. There will be a standard operating procedure circulated on sparse sampling to monitor serum concentration levels with nMAB treatment.

## Effective from

This policy will be in effect from the date of publication.

## Policy review date

This is an interim rapid clinical policy statement, which means that the full process of policy production has been abridged: public consultation has not been undertaken. This policy may need amendment and updating if, for instance, new trial data emerges, supply of the drug changes, or a new evidence review is required. A NICE Technology Appraisal or Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) Health Technology Assessment or All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) appraisal of casirivimab and imdevimab, sotrovimab or remdesivir for COVID-19 would supersede this policy when completed.

## Surveillance and service evaluation

There is an urgent need to generate more evidence and greater understanding around the use of nMABs and antivirals in the treatment of patients with COVID-19. Both surveillance and service evaluation are necessary to gain knowledge around the following: factors of relevance in determining nMAB and antiviral treatment; the impact of nMAB and antiviral treatment in the community and hospital settings on the immune/virologic response and clinical recovery; and the public health sequelae of nMAB use, such as generation of new mutations.

Treating clinicians are asked to ensure that all PCR tests undertaken as an inpatient and/or in the community where any patient who is receiving ongoing PCR testing as part of secondary care (for example, through an outpatient clinic) should do this through the hospital laboratory where these samples should be retained for sequencing. Further serial sampling for specific patient groups may be requested as part of UKHSA genomic surveillance purposes, or country specific programmes.

Clinicians must ensure that any additional data collection requirements are met for the purpose of relevant surveillance, audit and evaluation around the use of nMABs and antivirals. It is expected that there will be ongoing monitoring (involving sample collection) of selected patients treated with nMABs and antivirals (led by UKHSA, for instance around the potential generation of new variants), as well as academic research to generate new knowledge around clinical effectiveness and other relevant aspects of public health.

# **Equality statement**

Promoting equality and addressing health inequalities are at the heart of the four nations' values. Throughout the development of the policies and processes cited in this document, we have:

- Given due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity, and to foster good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic (as cited under the Equality Act 2010 or equivalent equality legislation) and those who do not share it; and
- Given regard to the need to reduce inequalities between patients in access to and outcomes from healthcare services and to ensure services are provided in an integrated way where this might reduce health inequalities.

## Definitions

COVID-19	Refers to the disease caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2) virus	
Neutralising monoclonal antibody	Synthetic antibodies that bind to a virus and inhibit its ability to infect host cells and replicate	
Spike protein	The part of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that binds to the host cell, which then facilitates its entry into the cell	
Anti-S antibody	Antibodies directed against the spike protein of the SARS-CoV-2 virus	

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# Appendix 1: Patient cohorts considered at highest risk from COVID-19 and to be prioritised for treatment with nMABs

The following patient cohorts were determined by an independent advisory group commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC)<sup>17</sup>.

Cohort	Description	
Down's syndrome	All patients with Down's syndrome	
Patients with a solid cancer	<ul> <li>Active metastatic cancer and active solid cancers (at any stage)</li> <li>All patients receiving chemotherapy within the last 3 months</li> <li>Patients receiving group B or C chemotherapy 3-12 months prior (see Appendix 3)</li> <li>Patients receiving radiotherapy within the last 6 months</li> </ul>	
Patients with a haematological diseases and stem cell transplant recipients	<ul> <li>Allogeneic haematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) recipients in the last 12 months or active graft vs host disease (GVHD) regardless of time from transplant (including HSCT for non-malignant diseases)</li> <li>Autologous HSCT recipients in the last 12 months (including HSCT for non-malignant diseases)</li> <li>Individuals with haematological malignancies who have         <ul> <li>received chimaeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T cell therapy in the last 24 months, or</li> <li>radiotherapy in the last 6 months</li> </ul> </li> <li>Individuals with haematological malignancies receiving systemic anti-cancer treatment (SACT) within the last 12 months except patients with chronic phase chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML) in molecular response or first or second line tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKI).</li> <li>All patients with myeloma (excluding MGUS) or chronic B-cell lymphoproliferative disorders (e.g. chronic lymphocytic leukaemia, follicular lymphoma) or myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) who do not fit the criteria above.</li> <li>All patients with sickle cell disease.</li> <li>Individuals with non-malignant haematological disorder (e.g. aplastic anaemia or paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria) receiving B-cell depleting systemic treatment (e.g. anti-CD20, anti- thymocyte globulin [ATG] and alemtzumab) within the last 12 months.</li> </ul>	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> For paediatric/adolescent patients (aged 12-17 years inclusive), paediatric multi-disciplinary team (MDT) assessment should be used to determine clinical capacity to benefit from the treatment

Patients with renal disease	<ul> <li>Renal transplant recipients (including those with failed transplants within the past 12 months), particularly those who:         <ul> <li>Received B cell depleting therapy within the past 12 months (including alemtuzumab, rituximab [anti-CD20], anti-thymocyte globulin)</li> <li>Have an additional substantial risk factor which would in isolation make them eligible for nMABs or oral antivirals</li> <li>Not been vaccinated prior to transplantation</li> </ul> </li> <li>Non-transplant patients who have received a comparable level of immunosuppression</li> <li>Patients with chronic kidney stage (CKD) 4 or 5 (an eGFR less than 30 ml/min/1.73m2) without immunosuppression</li> </ul>
Patients with liver disease	<ul> <li>Patients with cirrhosis Child's-Pugh class B and C (decompensated liver disease).</li> <li>Patients with a liver transplant</li> <li>Liver patients on immune suppressive therapy (including patients with and without liver cirrhosis)</li> <li>Patients with cirrhosis Child's-Pugh class A who are not on immune suppressive therapy (compensated liver disease)</li> </ul>
Patients with immune-mediated inflammatory disorders (IMID)	<ul> <li>IMID treated with rituximab or other B cell depleting therapy in the last 12 months</li> <li>IMID with active/unstable disease on corticosteroids, cyclophosphamide, tacrolimus, cyclosporin or mycophenolate.</li> <li>IMID with stable disease on either corticosteroids, cyclophosphamide, tacrolimus, cyclosporin or mycophenolate.</li> <li>IMID patients with active/unstable disease including those on biological monotherapy and on combination biologicals with thiopurine or methotrexate</li> </ul>
Immune deficiencies	<ul> <li>Common variable immunodeficiency (CVID)</li> <li>Undefined primary antibody deficiency on immunoglobulin (or eligible for Ig)</li> <li>Hyper-IgM syndromes</li> <li>Good's syndrome (thymoma plus B-cell deficiency)</li> <li>Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID)</li> <li>Autoimmune polyglandular syndromes/autoimmune polyendocrinopathy, candidiasis, ectodermal dystrophy (APECED syndrome)</li> <li>Primary immunodeficiency associated with impaired type I interferon signalling</li> <li>X-linked agammaglobulinaemia (and other primary agammaglobulinaemias)</li> </ul>

	Any patient with a secondary immunodeficiency receiving, or eligible for, immunoglobulin replacement therapy	
HIV/AIDS	<ul> <li>Patients with high levels of immune suppression, have uncontrolled/untreated HIV (high viral load) or present acutely with an AIDS defining diagnosis</li> <li>On treatment for HIV with CD4 &lt;350 cells/mm3 and stable on HIV treatment or CD4&gt;350 cells/mm3 and additional risk factors (e.g. age, diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular, liver or renal disease, homeless, those with alcohol-dependence)</li> </ul>	
Solid organ transplant recipients	All recipients of solid organ transplants not otherwise specified above	
Rare neurological conditions	<ul> <li>Multiple sclerosis</li> <li>Motor neurone disease</li> <li>Myasthenia gravis</li> <li>Huntington's disease</li> </ul>	

# Appendix 2: Drug-drug interactions involving PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir<sup>18</sup>

**Table 1** below lists medicines in alphabetical (by generic name) order indicating that concurrent prescribing of PF-07321132 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir is not an appropriate option. This list is not comprehensive. If a medicine is not listed also check <u>University of Liverpool COVID-19 Drug</u> <u>Interaction checker</u> (https://covid19-druginteractions.org/checker).

The last column gives an indication of when advice to not prescribe together applies or where risks and benefits need careful consideration taking account of the practicalities of managing such patients in a CMDU or non-specialist setting.

Table 1: Alphabetical (by generic name) list of medicines indicating that PF-07321132
(nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir is not an appropriate option to be prescribed together.

Specific medicines	Medicine used for	Use of PF-07321132	
		(nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir	
Abemaciclib	Cancer	Consider risks and benefits	
Acalabrutinib	Cancer	Consider risks and benefits	
Alfuzosin	Prostate gland enlargement	Do not use	
Aliskiren	High blood pressure (hypertension)	Do not use*	
Amiodarone	Irregular heartbeats	Do not use	
Apalutamide	Cancer	Consider risks and benefits	
Apixaban	Treating or preventing blood clots	Do not use	
Avanafil	Erection problems	Do not use	
Bedaquiline	Infections	Consider risks and benefits	
Bosentan	Pulmonary arterial hypertension	Do not use	
Budesonide (inhaled, nasal	Relieving asthma or COPD, or cold-	Consider risks and benefits	
spray)	like symptoms caused by allergic		
	rhinitis		
Carbamazepine	Epilepsy, nerve pain or trigeminal	Do not use	
	neuralgia		
Ceritinib	Cancer	Consider risks and benefits	
Ciclosporin	Immunosuppressant	Do not use	
Cisapride	Gastrointestinal motility problems	Do not use	
Clonazepam	Epilepsy or anxiety	Do not use	
Clopidogrel	Treating or preventing blood clots	Do not use*	
Clozapine	Schizophrenia	Do not use	
Colchicine	Gout	Do not use	
Contraception, hormonal	Contraception	Consider risks and benefits	
Dabigatran	Treating or preventing blood clots	Consider risks and benefits	
Delamanid	Infections	Consider risks and benefits	
Dexamphetamine Narcolepsy or attention defi		Consider risks and benefits	
	hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)		
Diazepam	Anxiety, muscle spasms or fits	Do not use	
Digoxin	Irregular heartbeats or heart failure	Consider risks and benefits	
Dihydroergotamine Cluster headaches		Do not use	
Disopyramide Irregular heartbeats		Do not use*	
Dronedarone Irregular heartbeats		Do not use	
Eletriptan Migraines		Consider risks and benefits	
Encorafenib Cancer		Consider risks and benefits	
Enzalutamide Cancer		Consider risks and benefits	
Eplerenone	Heart failure	Do not use*	
Ergotamine	Cluster headaches	Do not use	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The information in this appendix is based on Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) guidance (version: 20 January 2022) and is correct at the time of publication. Please refer to the SPS <u>guidance</u> and the <u>University of Liverpool</u> <u>COVID-19 Drug Interaction checker</u> for the most up to date information.

Specific medicines	Medicine used for	Use of PF-07321132	
		(nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir	
Everolimus	Cancer or immunosuppressant	Do not use	
Exviera (contains dasabuvir)			
Fentanyl		Consider risks and benefits Consider risks and benefits	
Flecainide		Do not use	
Flurazepam		Do not use	
Fluticasone propionate	Relieving asthma or COPD	Consider risks and benefits	
(inhaled or nasal spray)	Cold-like symptoms caused by		
(initialize of flacal optag)	allergic rhinitis		
Fostamatinib		Consider risks and benefits	
Fusidic acid (oral)		Do not use	
Ibrutinib		Consider risks and benefits	
Illegal drugs	Substance abuse	Check advice in <u>University of</u>	
inegal drugs		Liverpool COVID-19 Drug	
		Interaction checker	
Ivabradine	Heart failure or angina	Do not use*	
Ketoconazole	5	Consider risks and benefits	
Lamotrigine		Consider risks and benefits	
Lercanidipine		Do not use*	
Letermovir		Consider risks and benefits	
Levothyroxine	Underactive thyroid (hypothyroidism)		
Lomitapide	Ŭ	Do not use	
		Do not use	
Maviret (contains glecaprevir	Hepatitis C	Do not use	
and pibrentasvir)			
Methadone		Consider risks and benefits	
Methylphenidate		Consider risks and benefits	
N 4' 1 1	hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)		
Midazolam		Do not use	
Neratinib		Do not use	
Pethidine		Do not use	
Phenobarbital		Do not use	
Phenytoin		Do not use	
Pimozide		Do not use	
Piroxicam		Do not use	
Propafenone		Do not use	
Propoxyphene	Analgesics	Do not use	
Quetiapine	Bipolar disorder, depression,	Do not use	
Quotapino	schizophrenia		
Quinidine	•	Do not use	
Ranolazine		Do not use	
Rifabutin	Infections	Consider risks and benefits	
Rifampicin		Do not use	
Riociguat		Consider risks and benefits	
Rivaroxaban			
Rosuvastatin			
		Consider risks and benefits Do not use	
		Do not use	
	arterial hypertension		
Simvastatin			
Sirolimus			
St. John's Wort (Hypericum	Herbal medicine	Do not use	
perforatum)		Do not upo	
Tacrolimus	Immunosuppressant	Do not use	

Specific medicines	Medicine used for	Use of PF-07321132 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir	
Tadalafil	Erection problems or pulmonary arterial hypertension	Do not use	
Theophylline	Relieving asthma or COPD	Consider risks and benefits	
Ticagrelor	Treating or preventing blood clots	Do not use*	
Vardenafil	Erection problems	Do not use	
Valproic acid	Bipolar disorder, epilepsy or migraine	Consider risks and benefits	
Venetoclax	Cancer	Do not use	
Viekirax (contains ombitasvir, paritaprevir and ritonavir)	Hepatitis C	Consider risks and benefits	
Vinblastine	Cancer	Consider risks and benefits	
Vincristine	Cancer	Consider risks and benefits	
Voriconazole	Infections	Consider risks and benefits	
Warfarin	Treating or preventing blood clots	Consider risks and benefits	
Zepatier (contains elbasvir anc grazoprevir)	Hepatitis C	Do not use*	

\*Not listed in PF-07321132 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir SmPC but use NOT advised by <u>COVID-19 Drug</u> <u>Interaction checker</u>

**Table 2** below lists medicines by what they are used for indicating when PF-07321132 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir is not an appropriate option to be prescribed concurrently. This list is not comprehensive. If a medicine is not listed also check <u>University of Liverpool COVID-19 Drug</u> <u>Interaction checker</u> (https://covid19-druginteractions.org/checker).

The last column gives an indication of when advice to not prescribe together applies or where risks and benefits need careful consideration taking account of the practicalities of managing such patients in a CMDU or non-specialist setting.

Table 2: Medications interacting with PF-07321332 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir listed by use.

What the medicine is used for	Specific medicines	Use of PF-07321132 (nirmatrelvir) plus ritonavir	
Underactive thyroid (hypothyroidism)	Levothyroxine	Consider risks and benefits	
Lowering cholesterol	Lomitapide	Do not use	
	Rosuvastatin	Consider risks and benefits	
	Simvastatin	Do not use	
Treating or preventing blood clots	Apixaban	Do not use	
	Clopidogrel	Do not use*	
	Dabigatran	Consider risks and benefits	
	Rivaroxaban	Do not use	
	Ticagrelor	Do not use*	
	Warfarin	Consider risks and benefits	
Relieving asthma or COPD (inhaled or	Budesonide	Consider risks and benefits	
oral)	Fluticasone propionate	Consider risks and benefits	
	Salmeterol	Do not use	
	Theophylline	Consider risks and benefits	
Bipolar disorder, schizophrenia,	Carbamazepine	Do not use	
epilepsy, migraine or cluster	Clonazepam	Do not use	
headaches	Clozapine	Do not use	
	Dihydroergotamine	Do not use	
	Eletriptan	Consider risks and benefits	
	Ergotamine	Do not use	
	Lamotrigine	Consider risks and benefits	
	Lurasidone	Do not use	
	Phenobarbital	Do not use	
	Phenytoin	Do not use	

	Dise a -isla	Devestores
	Pimozide	Do not use
	Quetiapine	Do not use
	Valproic acid	Consider risks and benefits
	Midazolam	Do not use
Erection problems	Avanafil	Do not use
	Sildenafil	Do not use
	Tadalafil	Do not use
	Vardenafil	Do not use
Contraception, hormonal	Elicit name of medication and check <u>COVID-19 Drug</u>	Consider risks and benefits
	Interaction checker.	
Irregular heartbeats	Amiodarone	Do not use
	Digoxin	Consider risks and benefits
	Disopyramide	Do not use*
	Dronedarone	Do not use
	Flecainide	Do not use
	Propafenone	Do not use
	Quinidine	Do not use
High blood pressure (hypertension)	Aliskiren	Do not use*
	Lercanidipine	Do not use*
Prostate gland enlargement	Alfuzosin	Do not use
Cold-like symptoms caused by allergic		Consider risks and benefits
rhinitis (nasal spray)	Fluticasone propionate	Consider risks and benefits
Pain	Fentanyl	Consider risks and benefits
	Midazolam	Do not use
	Pethidine	Do not use
	Propoxyphene	Do not use
	Piroxicam	Do not use
Nerve pain or trigeminal neuralgia	Carbamazepine	Do not use
Heart failure or angina	Eplerenone	Do not use*
	Ivabradine	Do not use*
	Ranolazine	Do not use
	Digoxin	Consider risks and benefits
Gout	Colchicine	Do not use
Heroin dependence	Methadone	Consider risks and benefits
Substance abuse	Various illicit drugs	Check COVID-19 Drug
		Interaction checker
Herbal medicines	St. John's Wort (Hypericum perforatum)	Do not use
Infections	Bedaquiline	Consider risks and benefits
	Delamanid	Consider risks and benefits
	Fusidic acid/ sodium fusidate	Do not use
	(oral)	Consider risks and benefits
	Ketoconazole	Consider risks and benefits
	Rifabutin	Do not use
	Rifampicin	Consider risks and benefits
	Voriconazole	
Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH)		Do not use*
	Riociguat	Consider risks and benefits
	Sildenafil (Revatrio)	Do not use
	Tadalafil	Do not use
Anxiety, problems sleeping, muscle	Diazepam	Do not use
spasms, fits, attention deficit	Flurazepam	Do not use
hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) or	Clonazepam	Do not use
narcolepsy	St John's Wort	Do not use
	Dexamphetamine	Consider risks and benefits
	Methylphenidate	Consider risks and benefits
	meanyiphenidate	

Immunosuppressant medicines which	Ciclosporin	Do not use*
can be used for a range of conditions	Everolimus	Do not use*
	Sirolimus	Do not use*
	Tacrolimus	Do not use*
Transplant	Letermovir	Consider risks and benefits
Hepatitis C	Exviera (contains dasabuvir)	Consider risks and benefits
	Maviret (contains glecaprevir and	Do not use
	pibrentasvir)	
	Viekirax (contains ombitasvir,	Consider risks and benefits
	paritaprevir and ritonavir)	
	Zepatier (contains elbasvir and	Do not use*
	grazoprevir)	
Cancer	Abemaciclib	Consider risks and benefits
	Acalabrutinib	Consider risks and benefits
	Apalutamide	Consider risks and benefits
	Ceritinib	Consider risks and benefits
	Encorafenib	Consider risks and benefits
	Enzalutamide	Consider risks and benefits
	Everolimus	Do not use
	lbrutinib	Consider risks and benefits
	Neratinib	Do not use
	Venetoclax	Do not use
	Vinblastine	Consider risks and benefits
	Vincristine	Consider risks and benefits
Blood disorders	Fostamatinib	Consider risks and benefits

\*Not listed in PF-07321132 (nirmatrelvir plus ritonavir SmPC but use NOT advised by <u>COVID-19 Drug</u> Interaction checker

# Appendix 3: Chemotherapy agents (Groups B and C)

Patients currently on or who have received the following chemotherapy regimens (Groups B and C in the table below) in the last 12 months and are considered to be at higher risk of Grade 3/4 febrile neutropenia or lymphopenia.

Group B			Group C
	10-50% risk of grade 3/4 febrile	>	50% risk of grade 3/4 febrile neutropenia
	neutropenia or lymphopenia		or lymphopenia
• • • • •	Etoposide based regimens CMF Irinotecan and Oxaliplatin based regimens Cabazitaxel Gemcitabine Chlorambucil Temozolomide Daratumumab Rituximab	•	All acute myeloid leukaemia/acute lymphocytic regimens Bleomycin, etoposide and platinum Highly immunosuppressive chemotherapy (e.g. FluDAP, high dose Methotrexate & Cytarabine) Trifluradine/ Tipiracil KTE-X19 Gilteritinib
•	Obinutuzumab Pentostatin Proteosome inhibitors IMIDs PI3Kinase inhibitors BTK inhibitors JAK inhibitors		
•	Venetoclax Trastuzumab-emtansine Anthracycline-based regimens Fluorouracil, epirubicin and cyclophosphamide (FEC)		
•	Methotrexate, vinblastine, adriamycin/doxorubicin, cisplatin (MVAC) Adriamycin/doxorubicin, bleomycin,		
•	vinblastine, dacarbazine (ABVD) Cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, prednisolone (CHOP)		
•	Bleomycin, etoposide, doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide, vincristine, procarbazine and prednisolone (BEACOPP)		
•	Liposomal doxorubicin		
	Taxane – 3-weekly Nab-paclitaxel		
•	Carboplatin-based regimens Ifosphamide-based regimens Bendamustine Cladrabine		
•	Topotecan Cyclophosphamide/Fludarabine combinations Ifosphamide, carboplatin, etoposide (ICE) Gemcitabine, dexamethasone, cisplatin (GDP) Isatuximab Polatuzumab Acalabrutinib Dexamethasone, cytarabine, cisplatin (DHAP)		

•	Etoposide, methylprednisolone, cytarabine, cisplatin (ESHAP)	
•	Cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin, dexamethasone (CVAD)	
•	Dacarbazine-based regimens	
•	Lomustine	
•	Magalizumab	
•	Brentuximab vedotin	
•	Asparaginase-based regimens	