

For adults with polycythemia vera after inadequate response to
or intolerance of hydroxyurea

Individualized dosing for Jakafi

Indications and Usage

Jakafi is indicated for treatment of polycythemia vera (PV) in adults who have had an inadequate response to or are intolerant of hydroxyurea.

Important safety considerations

- Treatment with Jakafi can cause thrombocytopenia, anemia and neutropenia, which are each dose-related effects. Perform a pre-treatment complete blood count (CBC) and monitor CBCs every 2 to 4 weeks until doses are stabilized, and then as clinically indicated
- Serious bacterial, mycobacterial, fungal and viral infections have occurred. Delay starting Jakafi until active serious infections have resolved. Observe patients receiving Jakafi for signs and symptoms of infection and manage promptly. Use active surveillance and prophylactic antibiotics according to clinical guidelines

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START here

A CBC and platelet (PLT) count must be performed before initiating therapy, every 2 to 4 weeks until doses are stabilized, and then as clinically indicated.

	The recommended starting dose of Jakafi for PV is 10 mg twice daily
Jakafi is also available in tablets of:	
	5 mg
	15 mg
	20 mg
	25 mg

CBC, complete blood count; PV, polycythemia vera. Tablets shown are not actual size.

Early dose adjustments as needed help to optimize efficacy and safety

In the phase 3 RESPONSE* trial, which compared Jakafi with best available therapy (BAT) in patients with PV who had an inadequate response to or were intolerant of hydroxyurea, the composite primary endpoint was defined as hematocrit (Hct) control without phlebotomy eligibility and a $\geq 35\%$ spleen volume reduction as measured by CT or MRI.^{1,2}

- 23% of patients receiving Jakafi achieved the composite primary endpoint¹ at week 32 vs <1% for BAT[†] ($P < 0.0001$)¹



See **SPECIAL POPULATIONS** tab for dosing information in patients with renal or hepatic impairment and for information on drug interactions.

OPTIMIZE to balance safety and efficacy

INCREASE DOSE

Dose modifications based on insufficient response

Doses may be increased in 5-mg twice-daily increments to a maximum of 25 mg twice daily.

- Doses should not be increased during the first 4 weeks of therapy and not more frequently than every 2 weeks

Consider dose increases in patients who meet all of these criteria:

- Inadequate efficacy as demonstrated by one or more of the following:
 - Continued need for phlebotomy
 - White blood cell count greater than the upper limit of normal (ULN) range
 - PLT count greater than the ULN range
 - Palpable spleen that is reduced <25% from baseline
- PLT count $\geq 140 \times 10^9/L$
- Hemoglobin ≥ 12 g/dL
- ANC $\geq 1.5 \times 10^9/L$

MONITOR frequently

Monitor CBCs every 2 to 4 weeks until doses are stabilized, and then as clinically indicated

DECREASE DOSE

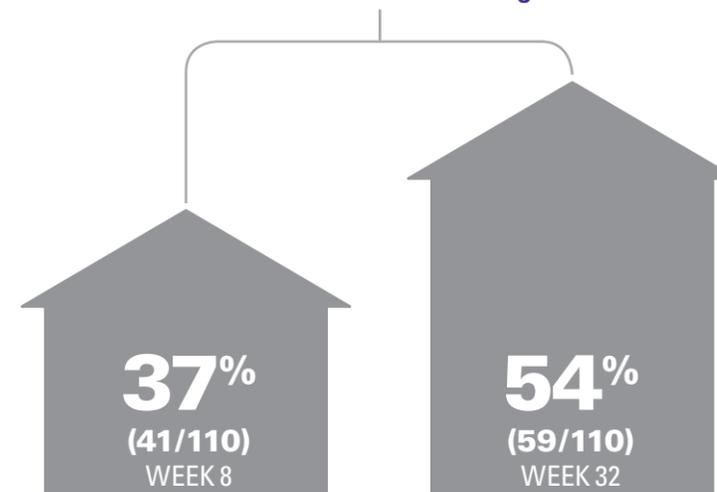
As shown in the chart below, dose reductions should be considered for:

- Hemoglobin <12 g/dL or
- PLT count <100 $\times 10^9/L$

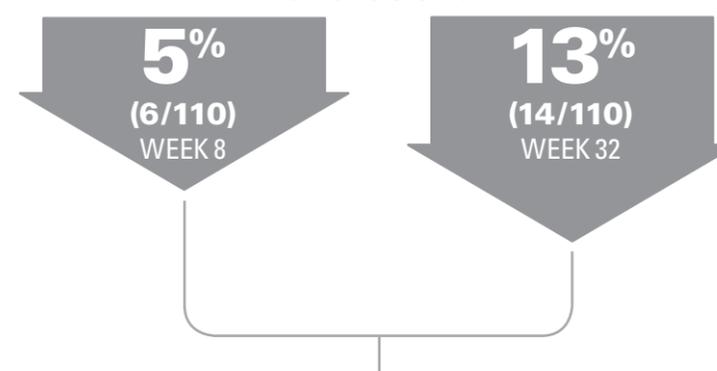
Dosing Recommendations	
If Hb 10 to <12 g/dL and PLT count 75 to <100 $\times 10^9/L$	• Dose reductions should be considered, with the goal of avoiding dose interruptions for anemia and thrombocytopenia
If Hb 8 to <10 g/dL or PLT count 50 to <75 $\times 10^9/L$	• Reduce dose by 5 mg twice daily • For patients on 5 mg twice daily, decrease the dose to 5 mg once daily
If Hb <8 g/dL or PLT count <50 $\times 10^9/L$	• Interrupt Jakafi dosing

Hb, hemoglobin; PLT, platelet.

From the RESPONSE trial
Percent of patients randomized to Jakafi who *increased* from the starting dose³



From the RESPONSE trial



Percent of patients randomized to Jakafi who *decreased* from the starting dose³

4%

of patients randomized to Jakafi discontinued treatment due to an adverse event^{1,2}

INTERRUPT DOSE

Interrupt Jakafi treatment for:

- Anemia (Hemoglobin <8 g/dL),
- Thrombocytopenia (PLT <50 $\times 10^9/L$), or
- Neutropenia (ANC <1.0 $\times 10^9/L$)

See **RESTARTING** tab for dose modifications.

Risk for thrombocytopenia, anemia, and neutropenia

- Treatment with Jakafi can cause thrombocytopenia, anemia and neutropenia, which are each dose-related effects. Perform a pre-treatment complete blood count (CBC) and monitor CBCs every 2 to 4 weeks until doses are stabilized, and then as clinically indicated
- Manage thrombocytopenia by reducing the dose or temporarily interrupting Jakafi. Platelet transfusions may be necessary
- Patients developing anemia may require blood transfusions and/or dose modifications of Jakafi
- Severe neutropenia (ANC <0.5 $\times 10^9/L$) was generally reversible by withholding Jakafi until recovery

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*The RESPONSE (Randomized Study of Efficacy and Safety in Polycythemia vera with JAK inhibitor ruxolitinib versus best available care) trial was a randomized, open-label, active-controlled phase 3 trial comparing Jakafi with BAT in 222 patients with polycythemia vera. Patients enrolled in the study had been diagnosed with polycythemia vera for at least 24 weeks, had an inadequate response to or were intolerant of hydroxyurea, required phlebotomy for Hct control, and exhibited splenomegaly. All patients were required to demonstrate Hct control between 40% and 45% prior to randomization. After week 32, patients were able to cross over to Jakafi treatment.^{1,2}

[†]The composite primary endpoint was defined as Hct control without phlebotomy eligibility and a $\geq 35\%$ spleen volume reduction as measured by CT or MRI. To achieve the Hct control endpoint, patients could not become eligible for phlebotomy between weeks 8 and 32. Phlebotomy eligibility was defined as Hct >45% that is ≥ 3 percentage points higher than baseline or Hct >48% (lower value).^{1,2}

[‡]BAT included hydroxyurea (60%), interferon/pegylated interferon (12%), anagrelide (7%), pipobroman (2%), lenalidomide/thalidomide (5%), and observation (15%).^{1,2}

After recovery of hematologic parameter(s) to acceptable levels, dosing may be restarted as shown in the table below

- Use the **most severe category** of patient's hemoglobin, PLT count, or ANC abnormality to determine the corresponding maximum restarting dose

Hb (g/dL)	PLT Count (× 10 ⁹ /L)	ANC (× 10 ⁹ /L)	Dosing Recommendations
<8	<50	<1.0	Continue hold
8 to <10	50 to <75	1.0 to <1.5	5 mg twice daily ^a or no more than 5 mg twice daily less than the dose that resulted in dose interruption
10 to <12	75 to <100	1.5 to <2.0	10 mg twice daily ^a or no more than 5 mg twice daily less than the dose that resulted in dose interruption
≥12	≥100	≥2.0	15 mg twice daily ^a or no more than 5 mg twice daily less than the dose that resulted in dose interruption

ANC, absolute neutrophil count; Hb, hemoglobin; PLT, platelet.
^a Continue treatment for at least 2 weeks; if stable, dose may be increased by 5 mg twice daily.

Patients who required dose interruption while receiving a dose of 5 mg twice daily may restart at a dose of 5 mg twice daily or 5 mg once daily, but not higher, once:

- Hemoglobin is ≥10 g/dL,
- PLT count is ≥75 × 10⁹/L, and
- ANC is ≥1.5 × 10⁹/L

Dose management after restarting treatment

- Doses may be titrated, but the maximum total daily dose should not exceed 5 mg less than the dose that resulted in the dose interruption
- An exception to this is dose interruption following phlebotomy-associated anemia, in which case the maximum total daily dose allowed after restarting Jakafi® (ruxolitinib) would not be limited

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Restarting

Renal or hepatic impairment

Use a starting dose of 5 mg twice daily for patients with:

Hepatic Impairment: Mild, moderate, or severe (Child-Pugh class A, B, C)

Renal Impairment: Moderate (CrCl 30-59 mL/min) or severe (CrCl 15-29 mL/min)

- The recommended starting dose in patients with polycythemia vera who have end-stage renal disease and are on dialysis is 10 mg
- Additional dose modifications should be made with frequent monitoring of safety and efficacy
- Avoid use of Jakafi® (ruxolitinib) in patients with end-stage renal disease (creatinine clearance, <15 mL/min) not requiring dialysis

Drug interactions

- Modify the dose of Jakafi when coadministered with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors and fluconazole doses of ≤200 mg
- Avoid the use of fluconazole doses of >200 mg daily with Jakafi
- Additional dose modifications should be made with frequent monitoring of safety and efficacy

For Patients Coadministered Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors or Fluconazole Doses of ≤200 mg	Recommended Dose Modification
Starting dose for patients with PV:	5 mg twice daily
If on stable dose for patients with PV:	
≥10 mg twice daily	Decrease dose by 50% (round up to the closest available tablet strength)
5 mg twice daily	5 mg once daily
5 mg once daily	Avoid strong CYP3A4 inhibitor or fluconazole treatment, or interrupt treatment with Jakafi for the duration of strong CYP3A4 inhibitor or fluconazole use

PV, polycythemia vera.

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Important Safety Information

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- Manage thrombocytopenia by reducing the dose or temporarily interrupting Jakafi. Platelet transfusions may be necessary
- Patients developing anemia may require blood transfusions and/or dose modifications of Jakafi
- Severe neutropenia (ANC $<0.5 \times 10^9/L$) was generally reversible by withholding Jakafi until recovery
- Serious bacterial, mycobacterial, fungal and viral infections have occurred. Delay starting Jakafi until active serious infections have resolved. Observe patients receiving Jakafi for signs and symptoms of infection and manage promptly. Use active surveillance and prophylactic antibiotics according to clinical guidelines
- Tuberculosis (TB) infection has been reported. Observe patients taking Jakafi for signs and symptoms of active TB and manage promptly. Prior to initiating Jakafi, evaluate patients for TB risk factors and test those at higher risk for latent infection. Consult a physician with expertise in the treatment of TB before starting Jakafi in patients with evidence of active or latent TB. Continuation of Jakafi during treatment of active TB should be based on the overall risk-benefit determination
- Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML) has occurred with Jakafi treatment. If PML is suspected, stop Jakafi and evaluate
- Advise patients about early signs and symptoms of herpes zoster and to seek early treatment
- Increases in hepatitis B viral load with or without associated elevations in alanine aminotransferase and aspartate aminotransferase have been reported in patients with chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) infections. Monitor and treat patients with chronic HBV infection according to clinical guidelines
- When discontinuing Jakafi, myeloproliferative neoplasm-related symptoms may return within one week. After discontinuation, some patients with myelofibrosis have experienced fever, respiratory distress, hypotension, DIC, or multi-organ failure. If any of these occur after discontinuation or while tapering Jakafi, evaluate and treat any intercurrent illness and consider restarting or increasing the dose of Jakafi. Instruct patients not to interrupt or discontinue Jakafi without consulting their physician. When discontinuing or interrupting Jakafi for reasons other than thrombocytopenia or neutropenia, consider gradual tapering rather than abrupt discontinuation
- Non-melanoma skin cancers including basal cell, squamous cell, and Merkel cell carcinoma have occurred. Perform periodic skin examinations
- Treatment with Jakafi has been associated with increases in total cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol, and triglycerides. Assess lipid parameters 8-12 weeks after initiating Jakafi. Monitor and treat according to clinical guidelines for the management of hyperlipidemia
- In myelofibrosis and polycythemia vera, the most common nonhematologic adverse reactions (incidence $\geq 15\%$) were bruising, dizziness, headache, and diarrhea. In acute graft-versus-host disease, the most common nonhematologic adverse reactions (incidence $>50\%$) were infections and edema
- Dose modifications may be required when administering Jakafi with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors or fluconazole or in patients with renal or hepatic impairment. Patients should be closely monitored and the dose titrated based on safety and efficacy
- Use of Jakafi during pregnancy is not recommended and should only be used if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus. Women taking Jakafi should not breastfeed during treatment and for 2 weeks after the final dose

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