

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

**These highlights do not include all the information needed to use AVYCAZ safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for AVYCAZ.**

**AVYCAZ (ceftazidime and avibactam) for injection, for intravenous use  
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**-----INDICATIONS AND USAGE-----**

AVYCAZ is a combination of ceftazidime, a cephalosporin, and avibactam, a beta-lactamase inhibitor, indicated for the treatment of patients 18 years or older with the following infections caused by designated susceptible microorganisms:

- Complicated Intra-abdominal Infections (cIAI), used in combination with metronidazole (1.1)
- Complicated Urinary Tract Infections (cUTI), including Pyelonephritis (1.2)

In the treatment of cUTI, as only limited clinical safety and efficacy data for AVYCAZ are currently available, reserve AVYCAZ for use in patients with cUTI who have limited or no alternative treatment options (1.1, 1.2)

To reduce the development of drug-resistant bacteria and maintain the effectiveness of AVYCAZ and other antibacterial drugs, AVYCAZ should be used only to treat infections that are proven or strongly suspected to be caused by susceptible bacteria. (1.3)

**-----DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION-----**

- AVYCAZ 2.5 grams (ceftazidime 2 grams and avibactam 0.5 grams) for injection administered every 8 hours by intravenous (IV) infusion over 2 hours in patients 18 years of age and older with creatinine clearance (CrCl) greater than 50 mL/min. For treatment of cIAI, metronidazole should be given concurrently (2.1).
- Recommended duration of treatment: (2.1)
  - cIAI: 5 to 14 days
  - cUTI including pyelonephritis: 7 to 14 days
- Dosage in patients with renal impairment (2.2)

Estimated Creatinine Clearance (mL/min) <sup>a</sup>	Recommended Dosage Regimen for AVYCAZ (ceftazidime and avibactam) <sup>b</sup>
31 to 50	AVYCAZ 1.25 grams (ceftazidime 1 grams and avibactam 0.25 grams) every 8 hours
16 to 30	AVYCAZ 0.94 grams (ceftazidime 0.75 grams and avibactam 0.19 grams) every 12 hours
6 to 15 <sup>c</sup>	AVYCAZ 0.94 grams (ceftazidime 0.75 grams and avibactam 0.19 grams) every 24 hours
Less than or equal to 5 <sup>c</sup>	AVYCAZ 0.94 grams (ceftazidime 0.75 grams and avibactam 0.19 grams) every 48 hours

a As calculated using the Cockcroft-Gault formula.  
 b All doses of AVYCAZ are administered over 2 hours  
 c Both ceftazidime and avibactam are hemodialyzable; thus, administer AVYCAZ after hemodialysis on hemodialysis days.

- See Full Prescribing Information for instructions for constituting supplied dry powder and subsequent required dilution. (2.3)
- See Full Prescribing Information for drug compatibilities. (2.4)

**-----DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS-----**

AVYCAZ 2.5g (ceftazidime and avibactam) for injection is supplied as a sterile powder for constitution in single-dose vials containing ceftazidime 2 grams (equivalent to 2.635 grams of ceftazidime pentahydrate/sodium carbonate powder) and avibactam 0.5 grams (equivalent to 0.551 grams of avibactam sodium). (3)

**-----CONTRAINDICATIONS-----**

AVYCAZ is contraindicated in patients with known serious hypersensitivity to the components of AVYCAZ (ceftazidime and avibactam), avibactam-containing products or other members of the cephalosporin class. (4)

**-----WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS-----**

- Decreased efficacy in patients with baseline CrCl of 30 to less than or equal to 50 mL/ min. Monitor CrCl at least daily in patients with changing renal function and adjust the dose of AVYCAZ accordingly. (5.1)
- **Hypersensitivity reactions:** Includes anaphylaxis and serious skin reactions. Cross-hypersensitivity may occur in patients with a history of penicillin allergy. If an allergic reaction occurs, discontinue AVYCAZ. (5.2)
- **Clostridium difficile-associated diarrhea:** Clostridium difficile-associated diarrhea (CDAD) has been reported with nearly all systemic antibacterial agents, including AVYCAZ. Evaluate if diarrhea occurs. (5.3)
- **Central Nervous System Reactions:** Seizures and other neurologic events may occur, especially in patients with renal impairment. Adjust dose in patients with renal impairment. (5.4)

**-----ADVERSE REACTIONS-----**

The most common adverse reactions in cIAI ( 5%, when used with metronidazole) are diarrhea, nausea and vomiting. In cUTI, the most common adverse reactions ( 10%) are constipation and anxiety. (6.1)

**To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Forest Laboratories, LLC, at 1-800-678-1605 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).**

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

#### 1.1 Complicated Intra-Abdominal Infections (cIAI)

AVYCAZ (ceftazidime and avibactam) in combination with metronidazole, is indicated for the treatment of complicated intra-abdominal infections (cIAI) caused by the following susceptible gram-negative microorganisms: *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Proteus mirabilis*, *Enterobacter cloacae*, *Klebsiella oxytoca*, *Citrobacter freundii* complex, and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in patients 18 years or older.

#### 1.2 Complicated Urinary Tract Infections (cUTI), including Pyelonephritis

AVYCAZ (ceftazidime and avibactam) is indicated for the treatment of complicated urinary tract infections (cUTI) including pyelonephritis caused by the following susceptible microorganisms: *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Citrobacter koseri*, *Enterobacter aerogenes*, *Enterobacter cloacae*, *Citrobacter freundii*, *Proteus* spp., and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in patients 18 years or older.

In the treatment of cUTI, as only limited clinical safety and efficacy data for AVYCAZ are currently available, reserve AVYCAZ for use in patients with cUTI who have limited or no alternative treatment options [*see Clinical Studies (14)*].

#### 1.3 Usage

To reduce the development of drug-resistant bacteria and maintain the effectiveness of AVYCAZ and other antibacterial drugs, AVYCAZ should be used to treat only indicated infections that are proven or strongly suspected to be caused by susceptible bacteria. When culture and susceptibility information are available, they should be considered in selecting or modifying antibacterial therapy. In the absence of such data, local epidemiology and susceptibility patterns may contribute to the empiric selection of therapy.

### 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### 2.1 Recommended Dosage

The recommended dosage of AVYCAZ is 2.5 grams (ceftazidime 2 grams and avibactam 0.5 grams) administered every 8 hours by intravenous (IV) infusion over 2 hours in patients 18 years of age and older in patients with normal renal function. For treatment of cIAI, metronidazole should be given concurrently. The guidelines for dosage of AVYCAZ in patients with creatinine clearance [CrCl] greater than 50 mL/min are listed in Table 1.

Infection	Dosage	Frequency	Infusion Time (hours)	Duration of Treatment
Complicated Intra-abdominal Infections [used in combination with metronidazole]	2.5 grams	Every 8 hours	2	5 to 14 days
Complicated Urinary Tract Infections including Pyelonephritis	2.5 grams	Every 8 hours	2	7 to 14 days

#### 2.2 Dosage Adjustments in Patients with Renal Impairment

The recommended AVYCAZ dosage in patients with varying degrees of renal function is presented in Table 2. For patients with changing renal function, monitor CrCl at least daily and adjust the dosage of AVYCAZ

accordingly [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*, *Use in Specific Populations (8.6)* and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

<b>Table 2. Dosage of AVYCAZ in Patients with Renal Impairment</b>	
<b>Estimated Creatinine Clearance (mL/minute)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Recommended Dosage Regimen for AVYCAZ (ceftazidime and avibactam)<sup>b</sup></b>
31 to 50	AVYCAZ 1.25 grams (ceftazidime 1 gram and avibactam 0.25 grams) intravenously every 8 hours
16 to 30	AVYCAZ 0.94 grams (ceftazidime 0.75 grams and avibactam 0.19 grams) intravenously every 12 hours
6 to 15 <sup>c</sup>	AVYCAZ 0.94 grams (ceftazidime 0.75 grams and avibactam 0.19 grams) intravenously every 24 hours
Less than or equal to 5 <sup>c</sup>	AVYCAZ 0.94 grams (ceftazidime 0.75 grams and avibactam 0.19 grams) intravenously every 48 hours

a As calculated using the Cockcroft-Gault formula.

b All doses of AVYCAZ are administered over 2 hours

c Both ceftazidime and avibactam are hemodialyzable; thus, administer AVYCAZ after hemodialysis on hemodialysis days.

### 2.3 Preparation of the AVYCAZ Solution for Administration

AVYCAZ is supplied as a dry powder, which must be constituted and subsequently diluted, using aseptic technique prior to intravenous infusion.

- a) Constitute the powder in the AVYCAZ vial with 10 mL of one of the following solutions:
  - sterile water for injection, USP
  - 0.9% of sodium chloride injection, USP (normal saline)
  - 5% of dextrose injection, USP
  - all combinations of dextrose injection and sodium chloride injection, USP, containing up to 2.5% dextrose, USP, and 0.45% sodium chloride, USP, or
  - lactated Ringer’s injection, USP
- b) Mix gently. The constituted AVYCAZ solution will have an approximate ceftazidime concentration of 0.167 grams/mL and an approximate avibactam concentration of 0.042 grams/mL. The final volume is approximately 12 mL. The constituted solution is not for direct injection. The constituted solution must be diluted before intravenous infusion.
- c) Prepare the required dose for intravenous infusion by withdrawing the appropriate volume determined from Table 3 from the constituted vial.

<b>Table 3. Preparation of AVYCAZ Doses</b>	
<b>AVYCAZ (ceftazidime and avibactam) Dose</b>	<b>Volume to Withdraw from Constituted Vial for Further Dilution to 50 to 250 mL</b>
2.5 grams (2 grams and 0.5 grams)	12 mL (entire contents)
1.25 grams (1 gram and 0.25 grams)	6 mL
0.94 grams (0.75 grams and 0.19 grams)	4.5 mL

- d) Before infusion, dilute the withdrawn volume of the constituted AVYCAZ solution further with the same diluent used for constitution of the powder (except sterile water for injection), to achieve a total volume between 50 mL (ceftazidime 0.04 grams/mL and avibactam 0.01 grams/mL) to 250 mL (ceftazidime 0.008 grams/mL and avibactam 0.002 grams/mL) in an infusion bag. If sterile water for injection was used for constitution, use any of the other appropriate constitution diluents for dilution.

- e) Mix gently and ensure that the contents are dissolved completely. Visually inspect the diluted AVYCAZ solution (for administration) for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration (the color of the AVYCAZ infusion solution for administration ranges from clear to light yellow).
- f) Use the diluted AVYCAZ solution in the infusion bags within 12 hours when stored at room temperature.
- g) The diluted AVYCAZ solution in the infusion bags may be stored under refrigeration at 2 to 8°C (36 to 46°F) up to 24 hours following dilution and used within 12 hours of subsequent storage at room temperature.

## 2.4 Drug Compatibility

The AVYCAZ solution for administration at the range of diluted concentrations of ceftazidime 0.008 g/mL and avibactam 0.002 g/mL to ceftazidime 0.04 g/mL and avibactam 0.01 g/mL is compatible with the more commonly used intravenous infusion fluids in infusion bags (including Baxter<sup>®</sup> Mini-Bag Plus<sup>™</sup>) such as:

- 0.9% sodium chloride injection, USP
- 5% dextrose injection, USP
- all combinations of dextrose injection and sodium chloride injection, USP, containing up to 2.5% dextrose, USP, and 0.45% sodium chloride, USP
- lactated ringer's injection, USP, and
- Baxter<sup>®</sup> Mini-Bag Plus<sup>™</sup> containing 0.9% sodium chloride injection or 5% dextrose injection.

Compatibility of AVYCAZ solution for administration with other drugs has not been established.

## 2.5 Storage of Constituted Solutions

Upon constitution with appropriate diluent, the constituted AVYCAZ solution may be held for no longer than 30 minutes prior to transfer and dilution in a suitable infusion bag.

Following dilution of the constituted solutions with the appropriate diluents, AVYCAZ solutions in the infusion bags are stable for 12 hours when stored at room temperature.

Following dilution of the constituted solutions with the appropriate diluents, AVYCAZ solutions in the infusion bags may also be refrigerated at 2 to 8°C (36 to 46°F) for up to 24 hours; and then should be used within 12 hours of subsequent storage at room temperature.

## 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

AVYCAZ 2.5 grams (ceftazidime and avibactam) for injection is supplied as a white to yellow sterile powder for constitution in a single-dose, sterile, clear glass vial containing ceftazidime 2 grams (equivalent to 2.635 grams of ceftazidime pentahydrate/sodium carbonate powder) and avibactam 0.5 grams (equivalent to 0.551 grams of avibactam sodium).

## 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

AVYCAZ is contraindicated in patients with known serious hypersensitivity to the components of AVYCAZ (ceftazidime and avibactam), avibactam-containing products, or other members of the cephalosporin class [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### 5.1 Decreased Clinical Response in Patients with Baseline Creatinine Clearance of 30 to Less Than or Equal to 50 mL/min

In a Phase 3 cIAI trial, clinical cure rates were lower in a subgroup of patients with baseline CrCl of 30 to less than or equal to 50 mL/min compared to those with CrCl greater than 50 mL/min (Table 4). The reduction in clinical cure rates was more marked in patients treated with AVYCAZ plus metronidazole compared to meropenem-treated patients. Within this subgroup, patients treated with AVYCAZ received a 33% lower daily dose than is currently recommended for patients with CrCl 30 to less than or equal to 50 mL/min. Monitor CrCl at least daily in patients with changing renal function and adjust the dosage of AVYCAZ accordingly [*see Dosage and Administration (2.2), and Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

	<b>AVYCAZ + Metronidazole % (n/N)</b>	<b>Meropenem % (n/N)</b>
Normal function / mild impairment (CrCl greater than 50 mL/min)	85% (322/379)	86% (321/373)
Moderate impairment (CrCl 30 to less than or equal to 50 mL/min)	45% (14/31)	74% (26/35)

<sup>1</sup> Microbiological modified intent-to-treat (mMITT) population included patients who had at least one bacterial pathogen at baseline and received at least one dose of study drug.

### 5.2 Hypersensitivity Reactions

Serious and occasionally fatal hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions and serious skin reactions have been reported in patients receiving beta-lactam antibacterial drugs. Before therapy with AVYCAZ is instituted, careful inquiry about previous hypersensitivity reactions to other cephalosporins, penicillins, or carbapenems should be made. Exercise caution if this product is to be given to a penicillin or other beta-lactam-allergic patient because cross sensitivity among beta-lactam antibacterial drugs has been established. Discontinue the drug if an allergic reaction to AVYCAZ occurs.

### 5.3 *Clostridium difficile*-associated Diarrhea

*Clostridium difficile*-associated diarrhea (CDAD) has been reported for nearly all systemic antibacterial drugs, including AVYCAZ, and may range in severity from mild diarrhea to fatal colitis. Treatment with antibacterial drugs alters the normal flora of the colon and may permit overgrowth of *C. difficile*.

*C. difficile* produces toxins A and B which contribute to the development of CDAD. Hypertoxin producing strains of *C. difficile* cause increased morbidity and mortality, as these infections can be refractory to antimicrobial therapy and may require colectomy. CDAD must be considered in all patients who present with diarrhea following antibacterial use. Careful medical history is necessary because CDAD has been reported to occur more than 2 months after the administration of antibacterial drugs.

If CDAD is suspected or confirmed, antibacterial drugs not directed against *C. difficile* may need to be discontinued. Manage fluid and electrolyte levels as appropriate, supplement protein intake, monitor antibacterial treatment of *C. difficile*, and institute surgical evaluation as clinically indicated.

#### 5.4 Central Nervous System Reactions

Seizures, nonconvulsive status epilepticus, encephalopathy, coma, asterixis, neuromuscular excitability, and myoclonia have been reported in patients treated with ceftazidime, particularly in the setting of renal impairment. Adjust dosing based on creatinine clearance [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)*].

#### 5.5 Development of Drug-Resistant Bacteria

Prescribing AVYCAZ in the absence of a proven or strongly suspected bacterial infection is unlikely to provide benefit to the patient and increases the risk of the development of drug-resistant bacteria [see *Indications and Usage (1.3)*].

### 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following adverse reactions are discussed in greater detail in the Warnings and Precautions section:

- Hypersensitivity Reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]
- *Clostridium difficile*-Associated Diarrhea [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*]
- Central Nervous System Reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*]

#### 6.1 Clinical Trial 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.

AVYCAZ was evaluated in four active-controlled clinical trials in patients with cIAI or cUTI, including pyelonephritis. These trials included two Phase 2 trials, one in cIAI and one in cUTI, as well as two Phase 3 trials, one in cIAI and one in cIAI or cUTI due to ceftazidime-resistant pathogens. The four clinical trials included a total of 862 adult patients treated with AVYCAZ and 866 patients treated with comparators.

##### Complicated Intra-Abdominal Infections

The Phase 3 cIAI trial included 529 adult patients treated with AVYCAZ 2.5 grams (ceftazidime 2 grams and avibactam 0.5 grams) administered intravenously over 120 minutes every 8 hours plus 0.5 grams metronidazole administered intravenously over 60 minutes every 8 hours and 529 patients treated with meropenem. The median age of patients treated with AVYCAZ was 50 years (range 18 to 90 years) and 22.5% of patients were 65 years of age or older. Patients were predominantly male (62%) and Caucasian (76.6%).

Treatment discontinuation due to an adverse reaction occurred in 2.6% (14/529) of patients receiving AVYCAZ plus metronidazole and 1.3% (7/529) of patients receiving meropenem. There was no specific adverse reaction leading to discontinuation.

Adverse reactions occurring at 5% or greater in patients receiving AVYCAZ plus metronidazole were diarrhea, nausea and vomiting.

Table 5 lists adverse reactions occurring in 1% or more of patients receiving AVYCAZ plus metronidazole and with incidences greater than the comparator in the Phase 3 cIAI clinical trial.

<b>Table 5. Incidence of Selected Adverse Reactions Occurring in 1 % or more of Patients Receiving AVYCAZ in the Phase 3 cIAI Trial</b>		
<b>Preferred term</b>	<b>AVYCAZ plus metronidazole<sup>a</sup> (N=529)</b>	<b>Meropenem<sup>b</sup> (N=529)</b>
<b>Nervous system disorders</b>		
Headache	3%	2%
Dizziness	2%	1%
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>		
Diarrhea	8%	3%
Nausea	7%	5%
Vomiting	5%	2%
Abdominal Pain	1%	1%

a 2.5 grams (ceftazidime 2 grams and avibactam 0.5 grams) IV over 120 minutes every 8 hours (with metronidazole 0.5 grams IV every 8 hours)

b 1 gram IV over 30 minutes every 8 hours

### *Increased Mortality*

In the Phase 3 cIAI trial, death occurred in 2.5% (13/529) of patients who received AVYCAZ plus metronidazole and in 1.5% (8/529) of patients who received meropenem. Among a subgroup of patients with baseline CrCl 30 to less than or equal to 50 mL/min, death occurred in 19.5% (8/41) of patients who received AVYCAZ plus metronidazole and in 7.0% (3/43) of patients who received meropenem. Within this subgroup, patients treated with AVYCAZ received a 33% lower daily dose than is currently recommended for patients with CrCl 30 to less than or equal to 50 mL/min [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)* and *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]. In patients with normal renal function or mild renal impairment (baseline CrCl greater than 50 mL/min), death occurred in 1.0% (5/485) of patients who received AVYCAZ plus metronidazole and in 1.0% (5/484) of patients who received meropenem. The causes of death varied and contributing factors included progression of underlying infection, baseline pathogens isolated that were unlikely to respond to the study drug, and delayed surgical intervention.

### Complicated Urinary Tract Infections, Including Pyelonephritis

The Phase 2 cUTI trial included 68 adult patients treated with AVYCAZ administered intravenously over 30 minutes every 8 hours and 67 patients treated with imipenem-cilastatin (0.5 grams intravenously every 6 hours). The dose of AVYCAZ in this trial was 0.625 grams (ceftazidime 0.5 grams and avibactam 0.125 grams), which is lower than the recommended dose [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)*]. Median age of patients treated with AVYCAZ was 47.5 years (range 18 to 85 years). Patients were predominantly female (75%) and Caucasian (58.8%). Patients with CrCl less than 70 mL/min were excluded.

Adverse reactions occurring 10% or greater in patients receiving AVYCAZ were constipation and anxiety. Table 6 lists adverse reactions occurring in 5% or more of patients receiving AVYCAZ and with incidences greater than the comparator in the Phase 2 cUTI trial.

<b>Table 6. Incidence of Selected Adverse Drug Reactions Occurring in 5% or more of Patients Receiving AVYCAZ in the Phase 2 cUTI Trial</b>		
<b>Preferred term</b>	<b>Phase 2 cUTI Trial</b>	
	<b>AVYCAZ<sup>a</sup> (N=68)</b>	<b>Imipenem-cilastatin<sup>b</sup> (N=67)</b>
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>		
Constipation	10%	3%
Abdominal pain	7%	5%
Upper abdominal pain	7%	2%
<b>Nervous System Disorders</b>		
Dizziness	6%	0%
<b>Psychiatric Disorders</b>		
Anxiety	10%	8%
a 0.625 grams (ceftazidime 0.5 grams and avibactam 0.125 grams) IV over 30 minutes every 8 hours		
b 0.5 grams IV over 30 minutes every 6 hours		

### Other Adverse Reactions of AVYCAZ and Ceftazidime

The following selected adverse reactions were reported in AVYCAZ-treated subjects at a rate of less than 1% in the Phase 3 cIAI trial or less than 5% in the Phase 2 cUTI trial and are not described elsewhere in the labeling.

*Blood and lymphatic disorders* - Eosinophilia, Thrombocytopenia

*General disorders and administration site conditions* - Injection site phlebitis

*Infections and infestations* - Candidiasis

*Investigations* - Increased aspartate aminotransferase, Increased alanine aminotransferase, Increased gamma-glutamyltransferase, Prolonged prothrombin time

*Metabolism and nutrition disorders* - Hypokalemia

*Nervous system disorders* - Dysgeusia

*Renal and urinary disorders* - Acute renal failure, Renal impairment

*Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders* - Rash, Rash maculo-papular, Urticaria, Pruritus

Additionally, adverse reactions reported with ceftazidime alone that were not reported in any AVYCAZ-treated subjects in any AVYCAZ clinical trials are listed below:

*Blood and lymphatic disorders* - Agranulocytosis, Hemolytic anemia, Leukopenia, Lymphocytosis, Neutropenia, Thrombocytosis

*General disorders and administration site conditions* - Infusion site inflammation, Injection site hematoma, Injection site thrombosis

*Hepatobiliary disorders* – Jaundice

*Investigations* - Increased blood lactate dehydrogenase

*Nervous system disorders* - Paresthesia

*Renal and urinary disorders* - Tubulointerstitial nephritis

*Reproductive and breast disorders* - Vaginal inflammation

*Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders* - Angioedema, Erythema multiforme, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, Toxic epidermal necrolysis

### Laboratory Changes

AVYCAZ (ceftazidime and avibactam) for Injection, for intravenous use

Seroconversion from a negative to a positive direct Coombs' test result occurred in 31/240 (12.9%) of patients receiving AVYCAZ plus metronidazole with initial negative Coombs' test and at least one follow up test and in 7/235 (3.0%) of patients receiving meropenem in the Phase 3 cIAI trial. Seroconversion from a negative to a positive direct Coombs' test result occurred in 1/52 (1.9%) of patients receiving AVYCAZ with initial negative Coombs' test and at least one follow up test and 5/60 (8.3%) of patients receiving imipenem cilastatin in the Phase 2 cUTI trial. No adverse reactions representing hemolytic anemia were reported in any treatment group.

## 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

### 7.1 Probenecid

*In vitro*, avibactam is a substrate of OAT1 and OAT3 transporters which might contribute to the active uptake from the blood compartment, and thereby its excretion. As a potent OAT inhibitor, probenecid inhibits OAT uptake of avibactam by 56% to 70% *in vitro* and, therefore, has the potential to decrease the elimination of avibactam when co-administered. Because a clinical interaction study of AVYCAZ or avibactam alone with probenecid has not been conducted, co-administration of AVYCAZ with probenecid is not recommended [*see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

### 7.2 Drug/Laboratory Test Interactions

The administration of ceftazidime may result in a false-positive reaction for glucose in the urine with certain methods. It is recommended that glucose tests based on enzymatic glucose oxidase reactions be used.

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### Risk Summary

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies of AVYCAZ, ceftazidime, or avibactam in pregnant women. Neither ceftazidime nor avibactam were teratogenic in rats at doses 40 and 9 times the recommended human clinical dose. In the rabbit, at twice the exposure as seen at the human clinical dose, there were no effects on embryofetal development with avibactam.

The background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. The background risk of major birth defects is 2-4% and of miscarriage is 15-20% of clinically recognized pregnancies within the general population. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, this drug should be used in pregnancy only if clearly needed.

#### Data

##### *Animal Data*

##### Ceftazidime

Reproduction studies have been performed in mice and rats at doses up to 40 times the human dose and showed no evidence of harm to the fetus due to ceftazidime.

##### Avibactam

Avibactam was not teratogenic in rats or rabbits. In the rat, intravenous studies with 0, 250, 500 and 1000 mg/kg/day avibactam during gestation days 6-17 showed no embryofetal toxicity at doses up to 1000 mg/kg/day, approximately 9 times the human dose based on exposure (AUC). In a rat pre- and postnatal study at up to 825 mg/kg/day intravenously (11 times the human exposure based on AUC), there were no effects on pup growth and viability. A dose-related increase in the incidence of renal pelvic and ureter dilatation was observed in female weaning pups that was not associated with pathological changes to renal parenchyma or renal function, with renal pelvic dilatation persisting after female weaning pups became adults.

Rabbits administered intravenous avibactam on gestation days 6-19 at 0, 100, 300 and 1000 mg/kg/day showed no effects on embryofetal development at a dose of 100 mg/kg, twice the human exposure (AUC). At higher doses, increased post-implantation loss, lower mean fetal weights, delayed ossification of several bones and other anomalies were observed.

## 8.2 Lactation

### Risk Summary

Ceftazidime is excreted in human milk in low concentrations. It is not known whether avibactam is excreted into human milk, although avibactam was shown to be excreted in the milk of rats. No information is available on the effects of ceftazidime and avibactam on the breast-fed child or on milk production.

The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for AVYCAZ and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from AVYCAZ or from the underlying maternal conditions.

### Data

In a rat pre- and postnatal study at doses up to 825 mg/kg/day intravenously (11 times the human exposure based on AUC), the exposure to avibactam was minimal in the pups in comparison to the dams. Exposure to avibactam was observed in both pups and milk on PND 7.

## 8.4 Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness in patients less than 18 years of age have not been established.

## 8.5 Geriatric Use

Of the 630 patients in the pooled Phase 2 and Phase 3 cIAI CAZ-AVI clinical trials who were treated with AVYCAZ, 126 (20%) were 65 years of age and older, including 49 (7.8%) 75 years of age and older. In the pooled Phase 2 and Phase 3 cIAI trials, the incidence of adverse reactions in both treatment groups was higher in older patients (≥ 65 years of age) and similar in both treatment groups. In the Phase 3 cIAI trial, clinical cure rates for patients 65 years of age or older were 73.0% (73/100) in the AVYCAZ plus metronidazole arm and 78.6% (77/98) in the meropenem arm.

In the Phase 2 cUTI clinical trial, 11/68 (16.2%) of patients receiving AVYCAZ were 65 years of age or older, including 5/68 (8.8%) 75 years of age or older. Because of limited clinical data in cUTI patients, differences in outcomes or specific risks with AVYCAZ cannot be ruled out for cUTI patients 65 years of age and older.

Ceftazidime and avibactam are known to be substantially excreted by the kidney; therefore, the risk of adverse reactions to ceftazidime and avibactam may be greater in patients with decreased renal function. Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection and it may be useful to monitor renal function. Healthy elderly subjects had 17% greater exposure relative to healthy young subjects when administered the same single dose of avibactam, which may have been related to decreased renal function in the elderly subjects. Dosage adjustment for elderly patients should be based on renal function [*see Dosage and Administration (2.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

## 8.6 Renal Impairment

Dosage adjustment is required in patients with moderately or severely impaired renal function (CrCl 50 mL/min or less). For patients with changing renal function, CrCl should be monitored at least daily, particularly early in treatment, and dosage of AVYCAZ adjusted accordingly. Both ceftazidime and avibactam are hemodialyzable; thus, AVYCAZ should be administered after hemodialysis on hemodialysis days [*see Dosage and Administration (2.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

## 10 OVERDOSAGE

In the event of overdose, discontinue AVYCAZ and institute general supportive treatment.

Ceftazidime and avibactam can be removed by hemodialysis. In subjects with ESRD administered 1 gram ceftazidime, the mean total recovery in dialysate following a 4-hour hemodialysis session was 55% of the administered dose. In subjects with ESRD administered 100 mg avibactam, the mean total recovery in dialysate following a 4 hour hemodialysis session started 1 hour after dosing was approximately 55% of the dose.

No clinical information is available on the use of hemodialysis to treat AVYCAZ overdose [see *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)].

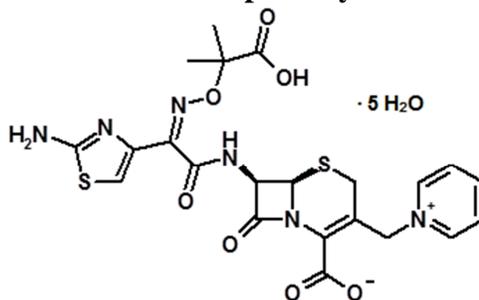
## 11 DESCRIPTION

AVYCAZ is an antibacterial combination product consisting of the semisynthetic cephalosporin ceftazidime pentahydrate and the beta-lactamase inhibitor avibactam sodium for intravenous administration.

### Ceftazidime

Ceftazidime is a semisynthetic, beta-lactam antibacterial drug. It is the pentahydrate of (6R,7R,Z)-7-(2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-(2-carboxypropan-2-yloxyimino)acetamido)-8-oxo-3-(pyridinium-1-ylmethyl)-5-thia-1-aza-bicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-ene-2-carboxylate. Its molecular weight is 636.6. The empirical formula is C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>12</sub>S<sub>2</sub>.

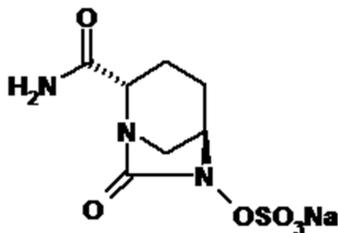
**Figure 1** Chemical structure of ceftazidime pentahydrate



### Avibactam

Avibactam sodium chemical name is sodium [(2S,5R)-2-carbamoyl-7-oxo-1,6-diazabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-6-yl] sulfate. Its molecular weight is 287.23. The empirical formula is C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>SNa.

**Figure 2** Chemical structure of avibactam sodium



AVYCAZ 2.5 grams (ceftazidime and avibactam) for injection is a white to yellow sterile powder for constitution consisting of ceftazidime pentahydrate and avibactam sodium packaged in glass vials. The formulation also contains sodium carbonate.

Each AVYCAZ 2.5 grams single-dose vial contains ceftazidime 2 grams (equivalent to 2.635 grams sterile ceftazidime pentahydrate/sodium carbonate) and avibactam 0.5 grams (equivalent to 0.551 grams sterile avibactam sodium). The sodium carbonate content of the mixture is 239.6 mg/vial. The total sodium content of the mixture is approximately 146 mg (6.4 mEq)/vial.

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

AVYCAZ is an antibacterial drug [see *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.4)].

### 12.2 Pharmacodynamics

As with other beta-lactam antimicrobial drugs, the time that unbound plasma concentrations of ceftazidime exceeds the AVYCAZ minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) against the infecting organism has been shown to best correlate with efficacy in a neutropenic murine thigh infection model with Enterobacteriaceae and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. The time above a threshold concentration has been determined to be the parameter that best predicts the efficacy of avibactam in *in vitro* and *in vivo* nonclinical models.

#### Cardiac Electrophysiology

In a thorough QT study, a suprathereapeutic dose of ceftazidime (3 grams) was investigated for QT effects in combination with a suprathereapeutic dose of avibactam (2 grams) given as a 30-minute single infusion. No significant effect on QT<sub>c</sub>F interval was detected at peak plasma concentration or at any other time. The largest 90% upper bound for the placebo corrected mean change from baseline was 5.9 ms. There were no QT<sub>c</sub>F intervals greater than 450 ms, nor were there any QT<sub>c</sub>F interval changes from baseline greater than 30 ms.

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

The mean pharmacokinetic parameters for ceftazidime and avibactam in healthy adult male subjects with normal renal function after single and multiple 2-hour intravenous infusions of AVYCAZ 2.5 grams (ceftazidime 2 grams and avibactam 0.5 grams) administered every 8 hours are summarized in Table 7.

Pharmacokinetic parameters of ceftazidime and avibactam were similar for single and multiple dose administration of AVYCAZ and were similar to those determined when ceftazidime or avibactam were administered alone.

<b>Table 7. Pharmacokinetic Parameters (Geometric Mean [%CV]) of Ceftazidime and Avibactam Following Administration of AVYCAZ 2.5 grams (ceftazidime 2 grams and avibactam 0.5 grams) in Healthy Adult Male Subjects</b>				
	<i>Ceftazidime</i>		<i>Avibactam</i>	
<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Single AVYCAZ 2.5 grams<sup>a</sup> Dose Administered as a 2-hour Infusion (n = 16)</i>	<i>Multiple AVYCAZ 2.5 grams<sup>a</sup> Doses Administered every 8 hours as 2-hour Infusions for 11 Days (n = 16)</i>	<i>Single AVYCAZ 2.5 grams<sup>a</sup> Dose Administered as a 2-hour Infusion (n = 16)</i>	<i>Multiple AVYCAZ 2.5 grams<sup>a</sup> Doses Administered every 8 hours as 2-hour Infusions for 11 Days (n = 16)</i>
C <sub>max</sub> (mg/L)	88.1 (14)	90.4 (16)	15.2 (14)	14.6 (17)
AUC (mg-h/L) <sup>b</sup>	289 (15) <sup>c</sup>	291 (15)	42.1 (16) <sup>d</sup>	38.2 (19)
T <sub>1/2</sub> (h)	3.27 (33) <sup>c</sup>	2.76 (7)	2.22 (31) <sup>d</sup>	2.71 (25)
CL (L/h)	6.93 (15) <sup>c</sup>	6.86 (15)	11.9 (16) <sup>d</sup>	13.1 (19)
V <sub>ss</sub> (L)	18.1 (20) <sup>c</sup>	17 (16)	23.2 (23) <sup>d</sup>	22.2 (18)

CL = plasma clearance; C<sub>max</sub> = maximum observed concentration; d T<sub>1/2</sub> = terminal elimination half-life; V<sub>ss</sub> (L) = volume of distribution at steady state.

a ceftazidime 2 grams and avibactam 0.5 grams.

b AUC<sub>0-inf</sub> (area under concentration-time curve from time 0 to infinity) reported for single-dose administration; AUC 0-tau (area under concentration curve over dosing interval ) reported for multiple-dose administration.

c n = 15.

d n = 13.

The C<sub>max</sub> and AUC of ceftazidime increase in proportion to dose. Avibactam demonstrated approximately linear pharmacokinetics across the dose range studied (50 mg to 2000 mg) for single intravenous administration. No appreciable accumulation of ceftazidime or avibactam was observed following multiple intravenous infusions of AVYCAZ 2.5 grams (ceftazidime 2 grams and avibactam 0.5 grams) administered every 8 hours for up to 11 days in healthy adults with normal renal function.

### Distribution

Less than 10% of ceftazidime was protein bound. The degree of protein binding was independent of concentration. The binding of avibactam to human plasma proteins was low (5.7% to 8.2%) and was similar across the range of concentrations tested *in vitro* (0.5 to 50 mg/L).

The steady-state volumes of distribution of ceftazidime and avibactam were 17 L and 22.2 L, respectively, in healthy adults following multiple doses of AVYCAZ 2.5 grams (ceftazidime 2 grams and avibactam 0.5 grams) infused every 8 hours over 2 hours for 11 days.

### Metabolism

Ceftazidime is mostly (80% to 90% of the dose) eliminated as unchanged drug. No metabolism of avibactam was observed in human liver preparations (microsomes and hepatocytes). Unchanged avibactam was the major drug-related component in human plasma and urine after a single intravenous dose of 0.5 grams <sup>14</sup>C-labelled avibactam.

### Excretion

Both ceftazidime and avibactam are excreted mainly by the kidneys.

Approximately 80% to 90% of an intravenous dose of ceftazidime is excreted unchanged by the kidneys over a 24-hour period. After the intravenous administration of single 0.5-grams or 1-gram doses, approximately 50% of the dose appeared in the urine in the first 2 hours. An additional 20% was excreted between 2 and 4 hours after dosing, and approximately another 12% of the dose appeared in the urine between 4 and 8 hours later. The elimination of ceftazidime by the kidneys resulted in high therapeutic concentrations in the urine. The mean

renal clearance of ceftazidime was approximately 100 mL/min. The calculated plasma clearance of approximately 115 mL/min indicated nearly complete elimination of ceftazidime by the renal route.

Following administration of a single 0.5-grams intravenous dose of radiolabelled avibactam, an average of 97% of administered radioactivity was recovered from the urine, with over 95% recovered within 12 hours of dosing. An average of 0.20% of administered total radioactivity was recovered in feces within 96 hours of dosing. An average of 85% of administered avibactam was recovered from the urine as unchanged drug within 96 hours, with over 50% recovered within 2 hours of the start of the infusion. Renal clearance was 158 mL/min, which is greater than the glomerular filtration, suggesting that active tubular secretion contributes to the excretion of avibactam in addition to glomerular filtration.

### Specific Populations

#### *Patients with Renal Impairment*

Ceftazidime is eliminated almost solely by the kidneys; its serum half-life is significantly prolonged in patients with impaired renal function.

The clearance of avibactam was significantly decreased in subjects with mild (CrCl greater than 50 to 80 mL/min, n = 6), moderate (CrCl 30 to less than or equal to 50 mL/min, n = 6), and severe (CrCl 30 mL/min or less, not requiring hemodialysis; n = 6) renal impairment compared to healthy subjects with normal renal function (CrCl greater than 80 mL/min, n = 6) following administration of a single 100-mg intravenous dose of avibactam. The slower clearance resulted in increases in systemic exposure (AUC) of avibactam of 2.6-fold, 3.8-fold, and 7-fold in subjects with mild, moderate, and severe renal impairment, respectively, compared to subjects with normal renal function.

A single 100-mg dose of avibactam was administered to subjects with ESRD (n = 6) either 1 hour before or after hemodialysis. The avibactam AUC following the post-hemodialysis infusion was 19.5-fold the AUC of healthy subjects with normal renal function. Avibactam was extensively removed by hemodialysis, with an extraction coefficient of 0.77 and a mean hemodialysis clearance of 9.0 L/h. Approximately 55% of the avibactam dose was removed during a 4-hour hemodialysis session.

Dosage adjustment of AVYCAZ is recommended in patients with moderate and severe renal impairment and end-stage renal disease. Population PK models for ceftazidime and avibactam were used to conduct simulations for patients with impaired renal function. Simulations demonstrated that the recommended dose adjustments [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)*] provide comparable exposures of ceftazidime and avibactam in patients with moderate and severe renal impairment and end-stage renal disease to those in patients with normal renal function or mild renal impairment. Because the exposure of both ceftazidime and avibactam is highly dependent on renal function, monitor CrCl at least daily and adjust the dosage of AVYCAZ accordingly for patients with changing renal function [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)*].

#### *Patients with Hepatic Impairment*

The presence of hepatic dysfunction had no effect on the pharmacokinetics of ceftazidime in individuals administered 2 grams intravenously every 8 hours for 5 days.

The pharmacokinetics of avibactam in patients with hepatic impairment have not been established. Avibactam does not appear to undergo significant hepatic metabolism, therefore the systemic clearance of avibactam is not expected to be significantly affected by hepatic impairment.

Dose adjustments are not currently considered necessary for AVYCAZ in patients with impaired hepatic function.

### *Geriatric Patients*

Following single-dose administration of 0.5 grams avibactam as a 30-minute infusion the mean AUC for avibactam was 17% higher in healthy elderly subjects (65 years of age and older, n = 16) than in healthy young adult subjects (18 to 45 years of age, n = 17). There was no statistically significant age effect for avibactam  $C_{max}$ .

No dose adjustment is recommended based on age. Dosage adjustment for AVYCAZ in elderly patients should be based on renal function [*see Dosage and Administration (2.2)*].

### *Gender*

Following single-dose administration of 0.5 grams avibactam as a 30-minute infusion, healthy male subjects (n = 17) had 18% lower avibactam  $C_{max}$  values than healthy female subjects (n = 16). There was no gender effect for avibactam AUC parameters.

No dose adjustment is recommended based on gender.

### Drug Interactions

Avibactam at clinically relevant concentrations does not inhibit the cytochrome P450 isoforms CYP1A2, CYP2A6, CYP2B6, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP2E1 and CYP3A4/5 *in vitro* in human liver microsomes. Avibactam showed no potential for *in vitro* induction of CYP1A2, 2B6, 2C9 and 3A4 isoenzymes in human hepatocytes. Against CYP2E1, avibactam showed a slight induction potential at very high concentrations that exceed any clinically relevant exposure. Ceftazidime was evaluated independently in human hepatocytes and showed no induction potential on the activity or mRNA expression of CYP1A1/2, CYP2B6, and CYP3A4/5.

Neither ceftazidime nor avibactam was found to be an inhibitor of the following hepatic and renal transporters *in vitro* at clinically relevant concentrations: MDR1, BCRP, OAT1, OAT3, OATP1B1, OATP1B3, BSEP, MRP4, OCT1 and OCT2. Avibactam was not a substrate of MDR1, BCRP, MRP4, or OCT2, but was a substrate of human OAT1 and OAT3 kidney transporters based on results generated in human embryonic kidney cells expressing these transporters. Probenecid inhibits 56% to 70% of the uptake of avibactam by OAT1 and OAT3 *in vitro*. Ceftazidime does not inhibit avibactam transport mediated by OAT1 and OAT3. The clinical impact of potent OAT inhibitors on the pharmacokinetics of avibactam is not known. Co-administration of AVYCAZ with probenecid is not recommended [*see Drug Interactions (7.1)*].

Administration of AVYCAZ 2.5 grams (ceftazidime 2 grams and avibactam 0.5 grams) to healthy male subjects (n = 28) as a 2-hour infusion following a 1-hour infusion of metronidazole every 8 hours for 3 days, did not affect the  $C_{max}$  and AUC values for avibactam or ceftazidime compared to administration of AVYCAZ 2.5 grams (ceftazidime 2 grams and avibactam 0.5 grams) alone. Administration of 0.5 grams metronidazole to healthy male subjects as a 1-hour infusion before a 2-hour infusion of AVYCAZ 2.5 grams (ceftazidime 2 grams and avibactam 0.5 grams) every 8 hours for 3 days did not affect the  $C_{max}$  and AUC of metronidazole compared to administration of 0.5 grams metronidazole alone.

## **12.4 Microbiology**

### Mechanism of Action

The ceftazidime component of AVYCAZ is a cephalosporin antibacterial drug with *in vitro* activity against certain gram-negative and gram-positive bacteria. The bactericidal action of ceftazidime is mediated through binding to essential penicillin-binding proteins (PBPs). The avibactam component of AVYCAZ is a non-beta-lactam beta-lactamase inhibitor that inactivates some beta-lactamases and protects ceftazidime from degradation by certain beta-lactamases. Avibactam does not decrease the activity of ceftazidime against ceftazidime-susceptible organisms.

AVYCAZ demonstrated *in vitro* activity against Enterobacteriaceae in the presence of some beta-lactamases and extended-spectrum beta-lactamases (ESBLs) of the following groups: TEM, SHV, CTX-M, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* carbapenemase (KPCs), AmpC, and certain oxacillinases (OXA). AVYCAZ also demonstrated *in vitro* activity against *P. aeruginosa* in the presence of some AmpC beta-lactamases, and certain strains lacking outer membrane porin (OprD). AVYCAZ is not active against bacteria that produce metallo-beta lactamases and may not have activity against gram-negative bacteria that overexpress efflux pumps or have porin mutations.

#### Resistance

No cross-resistance with other classes of antimicrobials has been identified. Some isolates resistant to other cephalosporins (including ceftazidime) and to carbapenems may be susceptible to AVYCAZ.

#### Interaction with Other Antimicrobials

*In vitro* studies have not demonstrated antagonism between AVYCAZ and colistin, levofloxacin, linezolid, metronidazole, tigecycline, tobramycin, or vancomycin.

#### Activity against Ceftazidime-Nonsusceptible Bacteria in Animal Infection Models

Avibactam restored activity of ceftazidime in animal models of infection (e.g. thigh infection, pyelonephritis, systemic infection induced by intraperitoneal injection) caused by ceftazidime non-susceptible beta-lactamase-producing (e.g., ESBL, KPC and AmpC) gram-negative bacteria.

#### Antimicrobial Activity

AVYCAZ has been shown to be active against most isolates of the following bacteria, both *in vitro* and in clinical infections [see *Indications and Usage (1.1) and (1.2)*].

##### Complicated Intra-abdominal Infections (cIAI)

###### Aerobic Bacteria

###### Gram-negative Bacteria

- *Escherichia coli*
- *Enterobacter cloacae*
- *Klebsiella pneumoniae*
- *Klebsiella oxytoca*
- *Proteus mirabilis*
- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- *Citrobacter freundii* complex

##### Complicated Urinary Tract Infections (cUTI), including Pyelonephritis

###### Aerobic Bacteria

###### Gram-negative Bacteria

- *Citrobacter freundii*
- *Citrobacter koseri*
- *Escherichia coli*
- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- *Enterobacter aerogenes*
- *Enterobacter cloacae*
- *Proteus* spp.
- *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

The following *in vitro* data are available, but their clinical significance is unknown. At least 90 percent of the following bacteria exhibit an *in vitro* minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than or equal to the

susceptible breakpoint for AVYCAZ against isolates of similar genus or organism group. However, the efficacy of AVYCAZ in treating clinical infections due to these bacteria has not been established in adequate and well-controlled clinical trials.

**Gram-negative Bacteria**

- *Morganella morganii*
- *Providencia rettgeri*
- *Providencia stuartii*
- *Serratia marcescens*

**Susceptibility Test Methods**

When available, the clinical microbiology laboratory should provide cumulative reports of *in vitro* susceptibility test results for antimicrobial drugs used in local hospitals and practice areas to the physician as periodic reports that describe the susceptibility profile of nosocomial and community-acquired pathogens. These reports should aid the physician in selecting an antibacterial agent for treatment.

*Dilution Techniques*

Quantitative methods are used to determine antimicrobial minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs). These MICs provide estimates of the susceptibility of bacteria to antimicrobial compounds. The MIC values should be determined using a standardized test method (broth or agar)<sup>1-3</sup>. MIC values should be determined using serial dilutions of ceftazidime combined with a fixed concentration of 4 mcg/mL of avibactam. Broth dilution MIC values need to be read within 18 hours because of degradation of ceftazidime activity by 24 hours. The MIC values should be interpreted according to the criteria in Table 8.

*Diffusion Techniques*

Quantitative methods that require measurement of zone diameters can also provide reproducible estimates of the susceptibility of bacteria to antimicrobial compounds. The zone size should be determined using a standardized method<sup>2</sup>. This procedure uses paper disks impregnated with 30 mcg of ceftazidime and 20 mcg avibactam to test the susceptibility of bacteria to AVYCAZ. The disk interpretive criteria are provided in Table 8.

<b>Table 8. Susceptibility Interpretive Criteria for Ceftazidime/Avibactam</b>				
<b>Pathogen</b>	<b>Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (mg/L)</b>		<b>Disk Diffusion Zone Diameter (mm)</b>	
	<i>S</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>R</i>
Enterobacteriaceae	8/4	16/4	21	20
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	8/4	16/4	21	20

A report of *Susceptible (S)* indicates that the antimicrobial drug is likely to inhibit growth of the pathogen if the antimicrobial drug reaches the concentration usually achievable at the site of infection. A report of *Resistant (R)* indicates that the antimicrobial drug is not likely to inhibit growth of the pathogen if the antimicrobial drug reaches the concentrations usually achievable at the site of infection; other therapy should be selected.

**Quality Control**

Standardized susceptibility test procedures require the use of laboratory controls to monitor and ensure the accuracy and precision of supplies and reagents used in the assay, and the techniques of the individuals performing the test<sup>1-3</sup>. Standard AVYCAZ powder should provide the following range of MIC values noted in Table 9. For the diffusion technique using the 30 mcg ceftazidime/20-mcg avibactam disk, the criteria in Table 9 should be achieved.

<i>Quality Control Organism</i>	<i>Minimum Inhibitory Concentration<sup>a</sup> (mg/L)</i>	<i>Disk Diffusion Zone Diameter (mm)</i>
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 29213	4 - 16	-
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 25923	-	16 - 22
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922	0.06 - 0.5	27 - 35
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 35218	0.03 - 0.12	28 - 35
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC 27853	0.5 - 4	25 - 31
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> ATCC 700603 <sup>b</sup>	0.25 - 2	-
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> ATCC 49247	0.06 - 0.5	28 - 34
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> ATCC 49766	0.015 - 0.06	-
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> ATCC 49619	0.25 - 2	-

a MIC for ceftazidime in the presence of a fixed concentration of 4 mg/L of avibactam.  
b *K. pneumoniae* ATCC 700603 should be tested against ceftazidime and avibactam and ceftazidime alone to confirm the activity of avibactam in the combination and to ensure that the plasmid encoding the beta-lactamase has not been lost in this strain. The acceptable range for ceftazidime alone is greater than 16 mg/L.

## 13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

### 13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Ceftazidime and avibactam were each evaluated for mutagenic potential in several *in vitro* and *in vivo* assays. Ceftazidime was negative for mutagenicity in a mouse micronucleus test and an Ames test. Avibactam was negative for genotoxicity in the Ames assay, unscheduled DNA synthesis, chromosomal aberration assay, and a rat micronucleus study.

Avibactam had no adverse effects on fertility of male and female rats given up to 1 g/kg/day (approximately 20 fold higher than the recommended clinical dose on a body surface area basis). There was a dose-related increase in the percentage of pre- and post-implantation loss relative to controls, resulting in a lower mean litter size at doses 0.5 g/kg and greater with intravenous administration to female rats beginning 2 weeks prior to mating.

## 14 CLINICAL STUDIES

### 14.1 Complicated Intra-abdominal Infections

A total of 1058 adults hospitalized with cIAI were randomized and received trial medications in a multinational, multi-center, double-blind trial comparing AVYCAZ 2.5 g (ceftazidime 2 grams and avibactam 0.5 grams) intravenously every 8 hours plus metronidazole (0.5 grams intravenously every 8 hours) to meropenem (1 gram intravenously every 8 hours) for 5 to 14 days of therapy. Complicated intra-abdominal infections included appendicitis, cholecystitis, diverticulitis, gastric/duodenal perforation, perforation of the intestine, and other causes of intra-abdominal abscesses and peritonitis.

The microbiologically modified intent-to treat (mMITT) population, which included all patients who had at least one baseline intra-abdominal pathogen regardless of the susceptibility to study drug, consisted of 823 patients; the median age was 51 years and 62.8% were male. The majority of patients (64.9%) were from Eastern Europe; 7.5% were from the United States. Less than 1.0% of patients were of Pacific Island or African descent. The most common primary cIAI diagnosis was appendiceal perforation or peri-appendiceal abscess, occurring in 44.7% of patients. Bacteremia at baseline was present in 4.3% of patients.

Clinical cure was defined as complete resolution or significant improvement in signs and symptoms of the index infection at the test-of-cure (TOC) visit which occurred 28 to 35 days after randomization. Table 10 presents the clinical cure rates in the mMITT population and in the microbiologically evaluable (ME) population, which

included all protocol-adherent mMITT patients. AVYCAZ plus metronidazole was non-inferior to meropenem with regard to the primary endpoint (clinical cure rate at the TOC visit in the mMITT population). Clinical cure rates at the TOC visit by pathogen in the mMITT population are presented in Table 11.

<i>Analysis population</i>	<i>AVYCAZ plus metronidazole<sup>a</sup> n/N (%)</i>	<i>Meropenem<sup>b</sup> n/N (%)</i>	<i>Treatment Difference (95% CI)<sup>c</sup></i>
mMITT	337/413 (81.6)	349/410 (85.1)	-3.5 (-8.6, 1.6)
ME	244/265 (92.1)	272/287 (94.8)	-2.7 (-7.1, 1.5)

<sup>a</sup> AVYCAZ 2.5 grams (ceftazidime 2 grams and avibactam 0.5 grams) IV every 8 hours + metronidazole 0.5 grams IV every 8 hours  
<sup>b</sup> 1 gram IV every 8 hours  
<sup>c</sup> The 95% confidence interval (CI) was calculated as an unstratified Miettinen and Nurminen method

Of the 823 patients in the mMITT population, 14 (1.7%) had baseline *E. coli* bacteremia; 7/10 (70.0%) of patients in the AVYCAZ arm and 3/4 (75.0%) of patients in the meropenem arm had a clinical cure.

<b>Aerobic Gram-negative group or pathogen</b>	<i>AVYCAZ plus metronidazole<sup>a</sup> n/N (%)</i>	<i>Meropenem<sup>b</sup> n/N (%)</i>
Enterobacteriaceae	272/334 (81.4)	305/353 (86.4)
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	218/271 (80.4)	248/285 (87.0)
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	40/51 (78.4)	37/49 (75.5)
<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	14/18 (77.8)	12/15 (80.0)
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	11/13 (84.6)	16/19 (84.2)
<i>Citrobacter freundii</i> complex	14/18 (77.8)	9/12 (75.0%)
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	5/8 (62.5)	7/9 (77.8)
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	30/35 (85.7)	34/36 (94.4)

<sup>a</sup> AVYCAZ 2.5 grams (ceftazidime 2 grams and avibactam 0.5 grams) IV every 8 hours + metronidazole 0.5 grams IV every 8 hours  
<sup>b</sup> 1 gram IV every 8 hours

At baseline, 111 patients in the mMITT population had Gram-negative isolates that were not susceptible to ceftazidime, including 61 patients with *E. coli* and 26 patients with *K. pneumoniae*. Cure rates were 39/47 (83.0%) in patients who received AVYCAZ and 55/64 (85.9%) of patients who received meropenem.

In a subset of Gram-negative pathogens from both arms of the Phase 3 cIAI trial that met phenotypic screening criteria for the presence of a beta-lactamase, genotypic testing identified certain ESBL groups (e.g., TEM-1, SHV-12, CTX-M-15, OXA-48) and AmpC that were expected to be inhibited by avibactam in 105 (12.8%) of the 823 patients in the mMITT population. Clinical cure rates in this subset were similar to the overall results.

#### **14.2 Complicated Urinary Tract Infections, Including Pyelonephritis**

The determination of efficacy of AVYCAZ in cUTI is supported in part by the previous findings of the efficacy and safety of ceftazidime for the treatment of cUTI. In cUTI, the contribution of avibactam to AVYCAZ has been established *in vitro* and in animal models of infection [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.4)*]. AVYCAZ was studied in a Phase 2 randomized, blinded, active-controlled, multicenter trial in cUTI, including pyelonephritis. This trial was not designed with any formal hypotheses for inferential testing against the active comparators.

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## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

AVYCAZ 2.5 grams (ceftazidime and avibactam) for injection is supplied in single-dose, clear glass vial containing: ceftazidime 2 grams (equivalent to 2.635 grams of ceftazidime pentahydrate/sodium carbonate) and avibactam 0.5 grams (equivalent to 0.551 grams of avibactam sodium). Vials are supplied as individual vial (NDC# 0456-2700-01) and in cartons containing 10 vials (NDC# 0456-2700-10)

AVYCAZ vials should be stored at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted between 15°C and 30°C (59°F and 86°F) [See USP Controlled Room Temperature]. Protect from light. Store in carton until time of use.

## 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

### Serious Allergic Reactions

Advise patients, their families, or caregivers that allergic reactions, including serious allergic reactions, could occur that require immediate treatment. Ask them about any previous hypersensitivity reactions to AVYCAZ, other beta-lactams (including cephalosporins), or other allergens [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].

### Potentially Serious Diarrhea

Advise patients, their families, or caregivers that diarrhea is a common problem caused by antibacterial drugs. Sometimes, frequent watery or bloody diarrhea may occur and may be a sign of a more serious intestinal infection. If severe watery or bloody diarrhea develops, tell them to contact his or her healthcare provider [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

### Nervous System Reactions

Advise patients, their families, or caregivers that neurological adverse reactions can occur with AVYCAZ use. Instruct patients their families, or caregivers to inform a healthcare provider at once of any neurological signs and symptoms, including encephalopathy (disturbance of consciousness including confusion, hallucinations, stupor, and coma), myoclonus, and seizures, for immediate treatment, dosage adjustment, or discontinuation of AVYCAZ [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].

### Antibacterial Resistance

Counsel patients, their families, or caregivers that antibacterial drugs including AVYCAZ should only be used to treat bacterial infections. They do not treat viral infections (e.g., the common cold). When AVYCAZ is prescribed to treat a bacterial infection, patients should be told that although it is common to feel better early in the course of therapy, the medication should be taken exactly as directed. Skipping doses or not completing the full course of therapy may (1) decrease the effectiveness of the immediate treatment and (2) increase the

likelihood that bacteria will develop resistance and will not be treatable by AVYCAZ or other antibacterial drugs in the future [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*].

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