

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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TNKase® (tenecteplase) for injection, for intravenous use
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RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

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INDICATIONS AND USAGE

TNKase is a tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) indicated:

- for the treatment of acute ischemic stroke (AIS) in adults. (1.1)
- to reduce the risk of death associated with acute ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) in adults. (1.2)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- TNKase is for intravenous administration only, administered as a single bolus over 5 seconds. (2.1, 2.2)
- **AIS**
 - Initiate treatment as soon as possible and within 3 hours after the onset of stroke symptoms. (2.1)
 - Individualize dosage based on patient's weight; the maximum recommended dose is 25 mg (5 mL). (2.1)
- **Acute STEMI**
 - Initiate treatment as soon as possible after the onset of STEMI symptoms. (2.2)
 - Individualize dosage based on patient's weight; the maximum recommended dose is 50 mg (10 mL). (2.2)

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

For Injection: 25 mg or 50 mg lyophilized powder in a single-dose vial co-packaged with Sterile Water for Injection USP (diluent). (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- **AIS and STEMI**
 - Active internal bleeding (4)
 - Intracranial or intraspinal surgery or trauma within 2 months (4)
 - Known bleeding diathesis (4)

- Current severe uncontrolled hypertension (4)
- Presence of intracranial conditions that may increase the risk of bleeding (e.g., intracranial neoplasm, arteriovenous malformation, or aneurysm) (4)
- **AIS**
 - Active intracranial hemorrhage (4)
- **Acute STEMI**
 - History of intracranial hemorrhage
 - History of ischemic stroke within 3 months (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- **Bleeding:** Increases the risk of bleeding. Avoid intramuscular injections. Monitor for bleeding. (5.1)
- **Hypersensitivity:** Monitor patients treated with TNKase during and for several hours after administration. If symptoms of hypersensitivity occur, initiate appropriate therapy (e.g., antihistamines, corticosteroids, epinephrine). (5.2)
- **Thromboembolism:** The use of thrombolytics can increase the risk of thrombo-embolic events in patients with high likelihood of left heart thrombus. (5.3)
- **Cholesterol Embolization:** Has been reported in patients treated with thrombolytic agents. (5.4)
- **Arrhythmias:** It is recommended that anti-arrhythmic therapy for bradycardia and/or ventricular irritability be available when TNKase is administered. (5.5)
- **Increased Risk of Heart Failure and Recurrent Ischemia when used with Planned Percutaneous Coronary Intervention in STEMI:** In patients with large ST segment elevation myocardial infarction, choose either thrombolysis or PCI as the primary treatment for reperfusion. Rescue PCI or subsequent elective PCI may be performed after administration of thrombolytic therapies if medically appropriate. (5.6)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse reaction is bleeding. (6)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Genentech at 1-888-835-2555 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

DRUG INTERACTIONS

During TNKase therapy, results of coagulation tests and/or measures of fibrinolytic activity may be unreliable unless specific precautions are taken to prevent *in vitro* artifacts. (7.1)

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

1.1 Acute Ischemic Stroke

TNKase is indicated for the treatment of acute ischemic stroke (AIS) in adults.

1.2 Acute ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction

TNKase is indicated to reduce the risk of death associated with acute ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) in adults.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Recommended Dosage for Acute Ischemic Stroke

Initiate treatment as soon as possible and within 3 hours after the onset of stroke symptoms.

TNKase is for intravenous (IV) administration only, administered as a single bolus over 5 seconds. Individualize dosage based on the patient's weight (see Table 1). The maximum recommended dose is 25 mg (5 mL).

Table 1 Recommended Dosage for Acute Ischemic Stroke

Patient Weight (kg)	TNKase (mg)	Volume TNKase to be administered (mL)
less than 60 kg	15 mg	3 mL
60 kg to less than 70 kg	17.5 mg	3.5 mL
70 kg to less than 80 kg	20 mg	4 mL
80 kg to less than 90 kg	22.5 mg	4.5 mL
90 kg or more	25 mg	5 mL

During and following TNKase administration for the treatment of acute ischemic stroke, frequently monitor and control blood pressure.

In patients without recent use of oral anticoagulants or heparin, TNKase treatment can be initiated prior to the availability of coagulation study results. If the pretreatment International Normalized Ratio (INR) is greater than 1.7 or the activated partial thromboplastin time (aPTT) is elevated, closely monitor patients [see *Contraindications (4)*].

2.2 Recommended Dosage for Acute ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction

Initiate treatment as soon as possible after the onset of STEMI symptoms.

TNKase is for intravenous (IV) administration only, administered as a single bolus over 5 seconds. Individualize dosage based on the patient's weight (see Table 2). The maximum recommended dose is 50 mg (10 mL).

Table 2 Recommended Dosage for Acute ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction

Patient Weight (kg)	TNKase (mg)	Volume TNKase to be administered (mL)
less than 60 kg	30 mg	6 mL
60 kg to less than 70 kg	35 mg	7 mL
70 kg to less than 80 kg	40 mg	8 mL
80 kg to less than 90 kg	45 mg	9 mL
90 kg or more	50 mg	10 mL

2.3 Preparation

Follow the steps below to prepare TNKase for administration:

- Only use the supplied Sterile Water for Injection diluent vial for reconstitution as shown below.

TNKase Vial Strength	Sterile Water for Injection Vial Volume
25 mg	5.2 mL
50 mg	10 mL

- Using a sterile syringe, aseptically withdraw the Sterile Water for Injection from the diluent vial and reconstitute the TNKase vial by directing the stream into the lyophilized powder to obtain a final concentration of 5 mg/mL. Slight foaming upon reconstitution is not unusual; any large bubbles will dissipate if the product is allowed to stand undisturbed for several minutes.
- Gently swirl until contents are completely dissolved. DO NOT SHAKE. The reconstituted preparation results in a colorless to pale yellow transparent solution.
- Determine the appropriate dose of TNKase [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1, 2.2)*] and withdraw the required volume (in milliliters) from the reconstituted vial into the syringe. Discard any unused solution.

2.4 Administration

Follow the steps below for administration of TNKase:

- Visually inspect the reconstituted product in the syringe for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration.
- Precipitation may occur when TNKase is administered in an intravenous line containing dextrose. Flush dextrose-containing lines with 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection solution prior to and following single bolus administration of TNKase.
- Using sterile technique, connect the syringe directly to the intravenous port.
- Administer reconstituted TNKase as a single intravenous bolus over 5 seconds.

- Because TNKase contains no antibacterial preservatives, reconstitute immediately before use. If the reconstituted TNKase is not used immediately, refrigerate the TNKase vial at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) and use within 8 hours.
- Dispose of the syringe per established procedures.

2.5 Chemical Incompatibilities

TNKase is incompatible with dextrose containing solutions. When used together, precipitation may occur. Flush dextrose containing lines with 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection solution before using TNKase.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

For injection: 25 mg or 50 mg as a white to pale yellow lyophilized powder in a single-dose vial for reconstitution with co-packaged Sterile Water for Injection, USP (diluent).

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

AIS and Acute STEMI

TNKase is contraindicated in any patients with:

- Active internal bleeding
- Intracranial or intraspinal surgery or trauma within 2 months
- Known bleeding diathesis
- Current severe uncontrolled hypertension
- Presence of intracranial conditions that may increase the risk of bleeding (e.g., intracranial neoplasm, arteriovenous malformation, or aneurysm)

AIS

TNKase is also contraindicated in patients for the treatment of AIS with:

- Active intracranial hemorrhage

Acute STEMI

TNKase is also contraindicated in patients for the treatment of STEMI with:

- History of intracranial hemorrhage
- History of ischemic stroke within 3 months

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Bleeding

TNKase can cause significant, sometimes fatal, internal or external bleeding, especially at arterial and venous puncture sites. Concomitant use of other drugs that impair hemostasis increases the risk of bleeding. Avoid intramuscular injections and trauma to the patient while on TNKase. Perform arterial and venous punctures carefully and only as required. To minimize bleeding from noncompressible sites, avoid internal jugular and subclavian venous punctures. If an arterial puncture is necessary during TNKase administration, use an upper extremity vessel that is accessible to manual compression, apply pressure for at least 30 minutes, and monitor the puncture site closely.

Should serious bleeding that is not controlled by local pressure occur, discontinue any concomitant heparin or antiplatelet agents immediately and treat appropriately. Because of the higher risk of intracranial hemorrhage in patients treated for acute ischemic stroke, limit treatment to facilities that can provide timely access to appropriate evaluation and management of intracranial hemorrhage.

Aspirin and heparin have been administered concomitantly with and following administration of TNKase in the management of acute myocardial infarction, but the concomitant administration of heparin and aspirin with and following administration of TNKase for the treatment of acute ischemic stroke during the first 24 hours after symptom onset has not been investigated. Because heparin, aspirin, or TNKase may cause bleeding complications, carefully monitor for bleeding, especially at arterial puncture sites. Hemorrhage can occur 1 or more days after administration of TNKase, while patients are still receiving anticoagulant therapy.

If serious bleeding occurs treat appropriately. In the following conditions, the risks of bleeding with TNKase therapy for all approved indications are increased and should be weighed against the anticipated benefits:

- Recent major surgery or procedure (e.g., coronary artery bypass graft, obstetrical delivery, organ biopsy, previous puncture of noncompressible vessels)
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Recent intracranial hemorrhage (if not contraindicated)
- Recent gastrointestinal or genitourinary bleeding
- Recent trauma
- Hypertension: systolic BP above 175 mm Hg or diastolic BP above 110 mm Hg
- Acute pericarditis
- Subacute bacterial endocarditis
- Hemostatic defects including those secondary to severe hepatic or renal disease
- Significant hepatic dysfunction
- Pregnancy
- Diabetic hemorrhagic retinopathy, or other hemorrhagic ophthalmic conditions
- Septic thrombophlebitis or occluded AV cannula at seriously infected site
- Advanced age [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.5)*]
- Patients currently receiving anticoagulants (e.g., warfarin sodium)

Any other condition in which bleeding constitutes a significant hazard or would be particularly difficult to manage because of its location.

5.2 Hypersensitivity

Hypersensitivity, including urticarial / anaphylactic reactions, have been reported after administration of TNKase (e.g., anaphylaxis, angioedema, laryngeal edema, rash, and urticaria). Monitor patients treated with TNKase during and for several hours after administration. If symptoms of hypersensitivity occur, initiate appropriate therapy (e.g., antihistamines, corticosteroids, epinephrine).

5.3 Thromboembolism

The use of thrombolytics can increase the risk of thrombo-embolic events in patients with high likelihood of left heart thrombus, such as patients with mitral stenosis or atrial fibrillation.

5.4 Cholesterol Embolization

Cholesterol embolism has been reported in patients treated with thrombolytic agents. Investigate cause of any new embolic event and treat appropriately.

5.5 Arrhythmias

Coronary thrombolysis may result in arrhythmias associated with reperfusion. These arrhythmias (such as sinus bradycardia, accelerated idioventricular rhythm, ventricular premature depolarizations, ventricular tachycardia) may be managed with standard anti-arrhythmic measures. It is recommended that anti-arrhythmic therapy for bradycardia and/or ventricular irritability be available when TNKase is administered.

5.6 Increased Risk of Heart Failure and Recurrent Ischemia when used with Planned Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) in STEMI

In a trial of patients with STEMI, there were worse outcomes in the individual components of the primary endpoint between TNKase plus PCI versus PCI alone (mortality 6.7% vs. 4.9%, respectively; cardiogenic shock 6.3% vs. 4.8%, respectively; and CHF 12% vs. 9.2%, respectively). In addition, there were worse outcomes in recurrent MI (6.1% vs. 3.7%, respectively; $p = 0.03$) and repeat target vessel revascularization (6.6% vs. 3.4%, respectively; $p = 0.0045$) in patients receiving TNKase plus PCI versus PCI alone [see *Clinical Studies (14.2)*]. In patients with large ST segment elevation myocardial infarction, physicians should choose either thrombolysis or PCI as the primary treatment strategy for reperfusion. Rescue PCI or subsequent elective PCI may be performed after administration of thrombolytic therapies if medically appropriate; however, the optimal use of adjunctive antithrombotic and antiplatelet therapies in this setting is unknown.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following clinically significant adverse reactions are discussed in other sections of the label:

- Bleeding [see *Contraindications (4), Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Hypersensitivity [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]
- Thromboembolism [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*]
- Cholesterol Embolization [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*]
- Arrhythmias [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*]
- Increased Risk of Heart Failure and Recurrent Ischemia when used with Planned Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) in STEMI [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*]

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

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

The most frequent adverse reaction associated with TNKase in all approved indications is bleeding.

Acute Ischemic Stroke

In Trial 1, the safety of TNKase for the treatment of acute ischemic stroke (AIS) was evaluated in 592 patients who received TNKase at the recommended dosage within 0 to 3 hours of the onset of stroke symptoms (Alteplase compared to Tenecteplase (AcT); Trial 1) [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1) and Clinical Studies (14.1)*].

Table 3 describes the incidence of adverse reactions in patients with AIS in Trial 1.

Table 3 Incidence of Adverse Reactions in Trial 1 in Patients Treated for Acute Ischemic Stroke Within 0 to 3 Hours from Symptom Onset

Adverse Reaction	TNKase N=592 %	Activase N= 555 %
Death	15.0	15.0
Symptomatic intracerebral hemorrhage*	3.4	3.1
Extracranial (peripheral) bleeding requiring blood transfusion	1.0	0.7
Orolingual angioedema	1.0	1.4
*intracerebral hemorrhage that, in the opinion of the investigator, was temporally related to and directly responsible for worsening of the neurological condition		

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

7.1 Drug/Laboratory Test Interactions

During TNKase therapy, results of coagulation tests and/or measures of fibrinolytic activity may be unreliable unless specific precautions are taken to prevent *in vitro* artifacts. Tenecteplase is an enzyme that, when present in blood in pharmacologic concentrations, remains active under *in vitro* conditions. This can lead to degradation of fibrinogen in blood samples removed for analysis.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary

There are risks to the mother and fetus from acute ST elevation myocardial infarction and acute ischemic stroke, which are medical emergencies in pregnancy and can be fatal if left untreated (*see Clinical Considerations*). Published data consisting of a small number of case reports involving the use of related thrombolytic agents in pregnant women have not identified an increased risk of major birth defects. There are no data on the use of tenecteplase during pregnancy to evaluate for a drug-associated risk of major birth defects, miscarriage, or adverse maternal or fetal outcomes.

TNKase does not elicit maternal and direct embryo toxicity in rabbits following a single IV administration. In developmental toxicity studies conducted in rabbits, the no observable effect level (NOEL) of a single IV administration of TNKase on maternal or developmental toxicity (5 mg/kg) was approximately 7 times human exposure (based on AUC) at the dose for STEMI.

The estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. All pregnancies have a background risk of birth defect, loss, or other adverse outcomes. In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2% to 4% and 15% to 20%, respectively.

Clinical Considerations

Disease-Associated Maternal and/or Embryo/Fetal Risk

Acute ST elevation myocardial infarction and acute ischemic stroke are medical emergencies which can be fatal if left untreated. Life-sustaining therapy for the pregnant woman should not be withheld because of potential concerns regarding the effects of tenecteplase on the fetus.

8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

There are no data on the presence of tenecteplase in either human or animal milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effect on milk production. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for TNKase and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from the TNKase or from the underlying maternal condition.

8.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of TNKase in pediatric patients have not been established.

8.5 Geriatric Use

Of the total number of TNKase-treated patients within 0-3 hours in Trial 1 for acute ischemic stroke (AIS), 426 (72%) were 65 years of age and older, and 290 (49%) were 75 years of age and older [*see Clinical Studies (14.1)*]. No overall differences in safety were observed between patients over 65 with AIS and younger patients, but greater sensitivity of some older individuals cannot be ruled out.

In the ASSENT-2 study, 41% (3500/8458) of STEMI patients who were treated with TNKase were aged 65 years or older. In this population, rates of 30-day mortality, stroke, intracranial hemorrhage and major bleeds requiring blood transfusion or leading to hemodynamic complications were higher than in those aged less than 65 years.

11 DESCRIPTION

Tenecteplase is a tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) produced by recombinant DNA technology using a mammalian cell line (Chinese Hamster Ovary cells). Tenecteplase is a 527-amino acid glycoprotein developed by introducing the following modifications to the complementary DNA (cDNA) for natural human tPA: a substitution of threonine 103 with asparagine, and a substitution of asparagine 117 with glutamine, both within the kringle 1 domain, and a tetra-alanine substitution at amino acids 296–299 in the protease domain. It has a molecular weight of 58,742 daltons. Biological potency is determined by an *in vitro* clot lysis assay and is expressed in tenecteplase specific units. The specific activity of tenecteplase has been defined as 200 units/mg.

TNKase (tenecteplase) for injection is a sterile, white to pale yellow, lyophilized powder for intravenous bolus administration after reconstitution with Sterile Water for Injection, USP.

Each 25 mg single-dose vial of TNKase nominally contains 25 mg of tenecteplase, arginine (261 mg), phosphoric acid (approximately 80 mg), and polysorbate 20 (2.0 mg). Following reconstitution with the supplied 5.2 mL single-dose vial of Sterile Water for Injection, USP, the final concentration is 5 mg/mL with a pH of approximately 7.3.

Each 50 mg single-dose vial of TNKase nominally contains 50 mg of tenecteplase, arginine (522 mg), phosphoric acid (approximately 160 mg), and polysorbate 20 (4.0 mg). Following reconstitution with the supplied 10 mL single-dose vial of Sterile Water for Injection, USP, the final concentration is 5 mg/mL with a pH of approximately 7.3.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Tenecteplase is a modified form of human tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) that binds to fibrin and converts plasminogen to plasmin. In the presence of fibrin, *in vitro* studies demonstrate that tenecteplase-mediated conversion of plasminogen to plasmin is increased relative to its conversion in the absence of fibrin. This fibrin specificity decreases systemic activation of plasminogen and the resulting degradation of circulating fibrinogen as compared to a molecule lacking this property. The clinical significance of fibrin-specificity on safety (e.g., bleeding) or efficacy has not been established.

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Following administration of 30, 40, or 50 mg of TNKase in patients with STEMI, there are decreases in circulating fibrinogen (4%–15%) and plasminogen (11%–24%).

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Distribution

In patients with STEMI, TNKase administered as a single IV bolus exhibits a biphasic disposition from the plasma.

Volume of distribution at central compartment ranges from 4.22 to 5.43 L, approximating plasma volume. Steady-state volume of distribution was approximately 50% greater (6.12 to 8.01 L), suggestive of some extravascular distribution.

Elimination

After IV bolus administration in patients with STEMI, the terminal phase half-life of tenecteplase was 90 to 130 minutes. In 99 of 104 patients treated with TNKase, TNKase has linear PK with mean maximum concentrations increased in a dose-proportional manner and mean plasma clearance was similar for the 30, 40, and 50 mg doses ranging from 99 to 119 mL/min.

Metabolism

Liver metabolism is the major clearance mechanism for tenecteplase.

Body weight

A stepwise linear regression analysis indicated that total body weight explained 19% of the variability in plasma clearance and 11% of the variability in volume of distribution in patients with STEMI.

12.6 Immunogenicity

The observed incidence of anti-drug antibodies is highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay. Differences in assay methods preclude meaningful comparisons of the incidence of anti-drug antibodies in the studies described below with the incidence of anti-drug antibodies in other studies, including those of tenecteplase or of other tenecteplase products.

In a study of subjects with STEMI, four of 625 (0.64%) STEMI patients tested for antibody formation to TNKase had a positive antibody titer at 30 days in studies with TNKase.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Studies in animals have not been performed to evaluate the carcinogenic potential, mutagenicity, or the effect on fertility.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 Acute Ischemic Stroke

The Alteplase compared to Tenecteplase (AcT) trial (NCT03889249, Trial 1) was a registry-linked, multicenter, parallel group, open-label, randomized trial with blinded outcome assessment that investigated the non-inferiority of TNKase (tenecteplase) compared to Activase (alteplase) in treating patients with acute ischemic stroke (AIS) that presented with a disabling neurologic deficit. Endovascular thrombectomy was allowed if patients were eligible based on standard of care.

A total of 1147 patients were treated within 3 hours of symptom onset and were included in the intent to treat (ITT) population. In the ITT population, the mean age was 72 years, 53% of patients were male, 24% were White, 5% were Asian, and 70% did not have a race reported or their race was unknown. Among the ITT population, the median baseline National Institute of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS) score was 10, 27% of patients had a large vessel occlusion on baseline CT angiography, and the median stroke symptom onset to thrombolysis time was 108 minutes. Demographics and other baseline characteristics were generally balanced between the treatment groups.

Patients were randomized (1:1) to receive a single IV bolus of TNKase or a one-hour infusion of 0.9 mg/kg Activase (10% administered as an IV bolus over 1 minute and the remaining 90% given as an infusion over 1 hour; maximum dose 90 mg). TNKase was dosed using actual or estimated weight in a body weight-tiered fashion at the recommended dosage [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1)*]. Administration of antiplatelet agents or other antithrombotic products were prohibited within the first 24 hours after administration of TNKase or Activase.

In Trial 1, efficacy was assessed as a pre-defined favorable clinical outcome based on the proportion of patients that were treated within 3 hours of symptom onset who achieved a modified Rankin Scale (mRS) score of 0–1 at 90–120 days, as assessed by the Rankin Focused Assessment. The mRS is a 7-point scale which captures disability after stroke; higher scores indicate an increased amount of disability. A score of 0 represents no symptoms or disability, where a score of 6 represents death. A score of 0 or 1 represents a favorable clinical outcome. The results comparing TNKase with Activase in patients treated within 3 hours of symptom onset are presented in Table 4. Study results demonstrated no significant differences between treatment groups. Although the trial enrolled patients who were treated within 0-4.5 hours of stroke symptom onset, the subset of patients treated within 0-3 hours was used to assess efficacy of TNKase because the comparator, Activase, is approved for use within 0-3 hours of stroke symptom onset.

Table 4 Trial 1: Efficacy Outcome Results in Patients with Acute Ischemic Stroke Treated Within 0-3 Hours of Symptom Onset (ITT Population)

Endpoint	TNKase N = 592	Activase N = 555
Proportion of Patients with mRS 0-1 at 90-120 days	36.6%	35.9%
Unadjusted Risk Difference % (95% CI)	0.7% (-4.9%, 6.3%)	
CI: Confidence Interval mRS: Modified Rankin Score		

A similar treatment effect in achieving a mRS score 0–1 was observed in exploratory subgroups defined by age, gender, and baseline NIHSS score.

14.2 Acute ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction

ASSENT-2

The Assessment of the Safety and Efficacy of a New Thrombolytic (ASSENT-2) study was an international, randomized, double-blind trial that compared 30-day mortality rates in 16,949 patients assigned to receive an IV bolus dose of TNKase or an accelerated infusion of Activase (alteplase). Eligibility criteria included onset of chest pain within 6 hours of randomization and ST-segment elevation or left bundle branch block on electrocardiogram (ECG). Patients were to be excluded from the trial if they received GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors within the previous 12 hours. TNKase was dosed using actual or estimated weight in a weight-tiered fashion as described in *Dosage and Administration* (2.2). All patients were to receive 150–325 mg of aspirin administered as soon as possible, followed by 150–325 mg daily. Intravenous heparin was to be administered as soon as possible: for patients weighing ≤67 kg, heparin was administered as a 4000-unit IV bolus followed by infusion at 800 U/hr; for patients weighing >67 kg, heparin was administered as a 5000-unit IV bolus followed by infusion at 1000 U/hr. Heparin was continued for 48 to 72 hours with infusion adjusted to maintain aPTT at 50–75 seconds. The use of GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors was discouraged for the first 24 hours following randomization. The results of the primary endpoint (30-day mortality rates with non-parametric adjustment for the covariates of age, Killip class, heart rate, systolic blood pressure and infarct location) along with selected other 30-day endpoints are shown in Table 5.

Table 5 ASSENT-2 Mortality, Stroke, and Combined Outcome of Death or Stroke Measured at Thirty Days

30-Day Events	TNKase (n=8461)	Accelerated Activase (n=8488)	Relative Risk TNKase/Activase (95% CI)
Mortality	6.2%	6.2%	1.00 (0.89, 1.12)
Intracranial Hemorrhage (ICH)	0.9%	0.9%	0.99 (0.73, 1.35)
Any Stroke	1.8%	1.7%	1.07 (0.86, 1.35)
Death or Nonfatal Stroke	7.1%	7.0%	1.01 (0.91, 1.13)

Rates of mortality and the combined endpoint of death or stroke among pre-specified subgroups, including age, gender, time to treatment, infarct location, and history of previous myocardial infarction, demonstrate consistent relative risks across these subgroups. There was insufficient enrollment of non-Caucasian patients to draw any conclusions regarding relative efficacy in racial subsets.

Rates of in-hospital procedures, including percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA), stent placement, intra-aortic balloon pump (IABP) use, and coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery, were similar between the TNKase and Activase groups.

TIMI-10B

TIMI 10B was an open-label, controlled, randomized, dose-ranging, angiography study which utilized a blinded core laboratory for review of coronary arteriograms. Patients (n=837) presenting within 12 hours of symptom onset were treated with fixed doses of 30, 40, or 50 mg of TNKase or the accelerated infusion of Activase and underwent coronary arteriography at 90 minutes. The primary endpoint was the rate of TIMI Grade 3 flow at 90 minutes. The results showed that the 40 mg and 50 mg doses were similar to accelerated infusion of Activase in restoring patency. TIMI Grade 3 flow and TIMI Grade 2/3 flow at 90 minutes are shown in Table 6. The exact relationship between coronary artery patency and clinical activity has not been established.

Table 6 TIMI 10B Patency Rates
TIMI Grade Flow at 90 Minutes

	Activase ≤100 mg (n=311)	TNKase 30 mg (n=302)	TNKase 40 mg (n=148)	TNKase 50 mg (n=76)
TIMI Grade 3 Flow (95% CI)	62.7% (57.1%, 68.1%)	54.3% (48.5%, 60.0%)	62.8% (54.5%, 70.6%)	65.8% (54.0%, 76.3%)
TIMI Grade 2/3 Flow (95% CI)	81.7% (76.9%, 85.8%)	76.8% (71.6%, 81.5%)	79.1% (71.6%, 85.3%)	88.2% (78.7%, 94.4%)

The angiographic results from TIMI 10B and the safety data from ASSENT-1, an additional uncontrolled safety study of 3,235 TNKase-treated patients, provided the framework to develop a weight-tiered TNKase dose regimen. Exploratory analyses suggested that a weight-adjusted dose of 0.5

to 0.6 mg/kg of TNKase resulted in a better patency to bleeding relationship than fixed doses of TNKase across a broad range of patient weights.

ASSENT-4 PCI

The Assessment of the Safety and Efficacy of a New Treatment Strategy with Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (ASSENT-4 PCI) was a phase IIIb/IV study designed to assess the safety and effectiveness of a strategy of administering full dose TNKase with a single bolus of 4000 U of unfractionated heparin in patients with STEMI, in whom primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) was planned, but in whom a delay of 1-3 hours was anticipated before PCI. The trial was prematurely terminated with 1667 randomized patients (75 of whom were in the United States) due to a numerically higher mortality in the patients receiving TNKase prior to primary PCI versus PCI without TNKase (median time from randomization to balloon was 115 minutes in patients who were treated with TNKase plus PCI versus 107 minutes in patients who were treated with PCI alone). The incidence of the 90-day primary endpoint, a composite of death or cardiogenic shock or congestive heart failure (CHF) within 90 days, was 18.6% in patients treated with TNKase plus PCI versus 13.4% in those treated with PCI alone ($p = 0.0045$; RR 1.39 (95% CI 1.11–1.74)).

There were worse outcomes in the individual components of the primary endpoint between TNKase plus PCI versus PCI alone (mortality 6.7% vs. 4.9%, respectively; cardiogenic shock 6.3% vs. 4.8%, respectively; and CHF 12.0% vs. 9.2%, respectively). In addition, there were worse outcomes in recurrent MI (6.1% vs. 3.7%, respectively; $p = 0.03$) and repeat target vessel revascularization (6.6% vs. 3.4%, respectively; $p = 0.004$) in patients receiving TNKase plus PCI versus PCI alone [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.6)].

There was no difference in in-hospital major bleeding between the two groups (5.6% vs. 4.4% for TNKase plus PCI vs. PCI alone, respectively). For patients treated with TNKase plus PCI, in-hospital rates of intracranial hemorrhage and total stroke were similar to those observed in previous trials (0.97% and 1.8%, respectively); however, none of the patients treated with PCI alone experienced a stroke (ischemic, hemorrhagic or other).

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

16.1 How Supplied

TNKase (tenecteplase) for injection is supplied as a sterile, white to pale yellow lyophilized powder in single-dose vials under partial vacuum, co-packaged with a single-dose vial of Sterile Water for Injection, USP, for reconstitution, as follows:

TNKase Strength	Sterile Water for Injection Volume	NDC
25 mg	5.2 mL	50242-014-03
50 mg	10 mL	50242-176-01

16.2 Storage and Handling

Store lyophilized TNKase at room temperature up to 30°C (86°F) or refrigerated at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F). Do not use beyond the expiration date stamped on the vial.

For storage information for reconstituted TNKase, see *Dosage and Administration* (2.4).

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Bleeding

Inform patients that bleeding can occur 1 or more days after administration of TNKase [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]. Instruct patients to contact a healthcare provider if they experience signs or symptoms consistent with bleeding (e.g., unusual bruising; pink or brown urine; red, black, or tarry stools; coughing up blood; vomiting blood or blood that looks like coffee grounds) or symptoms of a stroke.

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