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**CEM-102 (Sodium Fusidate) Dosage Regimen Decision Support Using Population Pharmacokinetic (PPK) and Mechanism-Based Pharmacokinetic-Pharmacodynamic (PK-PD) Models**

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**Abstract:**

**Background:** CEM-102, an oral antibiotic with activity against methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), is in

development for the treatment of complicated skin and skin structure infections. Using previously-developed PPK and mechanism-based PK-PD models, Monte Carlo simulation (MCS) was conducted to evaluate CEM-102 dosing regimens, with and without front-loading (FL), for future clinical trials.

**Methods:** MCS was performed using S-ADAPT and parameter estimates from a PPK and a mechanism-based PK-PD model. The two-compartment PPK model with auto-inhibition of clearance was based on data from 69 subjects who received CEM-102 500 to 2200 mg orally, as single and/or multiple doses. The mechanism-based PK-PD model was based on data from an *in vitro* PK-PD model that evaluated 7 CEM-102 regimens against MRSA USA300 (MIC 0.25 µg/mL) over 48 h. Antibacterial effects of CEM-102 were assessed by evaluating the log<sub>10</sub> ratio (LR) of the area under the colony forming unit curve (AUC<sub>CFU</sub>) for each regimen relative to the AUC<sub>CFU</sub> for the growth control (GC) at 24 and 48 h, the CFU nadir at 24 and 48 h, time to nadir (T<sub>n</sub>) and time to return to baseline or net bacterial stasis (T<sub>s</sub>). The following 7 CEM-102 regimens were evaluated: 500 mg Q12h; 600 mg Q12h; 500 mg Q8h, 600 mg Q12h starting on Day 2 with FL of either 900, 1200, or 1500 mg Q12h on Day 1; and 900 mg Q12h starting on Day 2 with FL of 1500 mg Q12h on Day 1.

**Results:** Median LR of the AUC<sub>CFU</sub> relative to that of the GC at 24 h were similar across all 7 regimens (-2.29 to -2.32). At 48 h, non-FL regimens had median LR of -0.89 to -1.31 (88 to 95% reduction in AUC<sub>CFU</sub> compared to GC). The 3 regimens with FL ≥ 2400 mg followed by 900 or 600 mg Q12h had LR at 48 h of -2.07 to -2.36 (99.1% to 99.6% less AUC<sub>CFU</sub>). Median T<sub>n</sub> and T<sub>s</sub> ranged from 17.2 to 19.0 and 25.7 to 29.9 h for non-FL and 24.4 to 27.7 and 39.1 to 45.1 h, for FL ≥ 2400 mg regimens, respectively.

**Conclusion:** CEM-102 antibacterial effects were substantially better after FL. CEM-102 dosage regimens with FL of ≥ 2400 mg on Day 1 followed by 600 mg Q12h starting on Day 2 should be appropriate to treat CEM-102-susceptible strains of *S. aureus*.

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