

Cost effectiveness of Ruxolitinib for treatment of Steroid Refractory acute Graft versus Host Disease in patients ≥12 years of age from a Singapore Healthcare System Perspective

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Introduction

Acute graft-versus-host disease (aGvHD) is a complication of allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (allo-HSCT) which contributes to post transplant morbidity and mortality¹. In the REACH2 open label randomized controlled trial, treatment of steroid refractory (SR)-aGvHD with ruxolitinib led to significantly higher overall response rates at 28 days than best alternative therapy (BAT)².

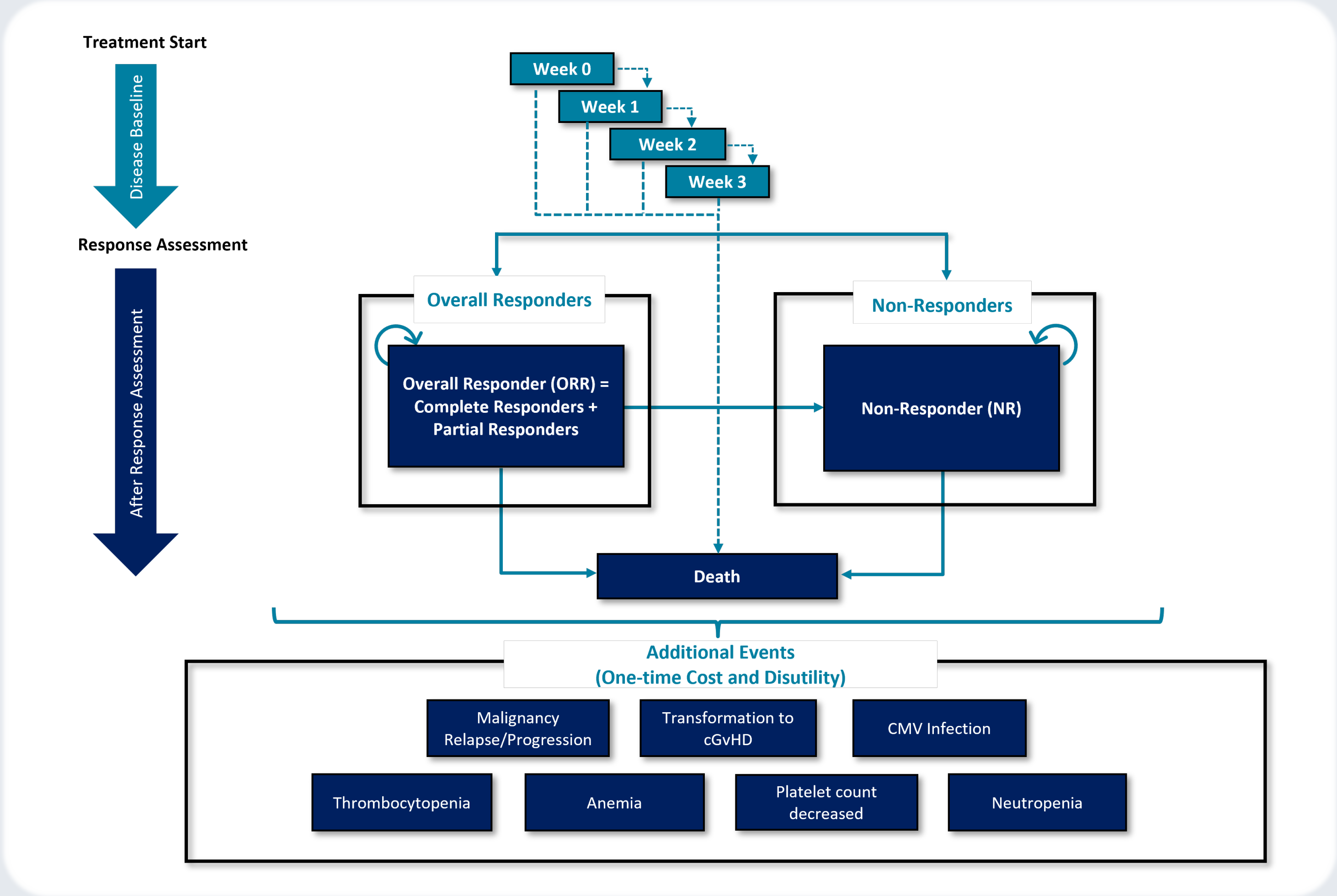
Objectives

To determine the cost-effectiveness of ruxolitinib compared with BAT for treatment of patients ≥12 years of age who develop SR-aGvHD following allo-HSCT from a Singaporean healthcare system perspective.

Methods

A semi-Markov model was developed in Microsoft Excel®

- *Time horizon:* 15 Years
- *Discount Rate:* 3%
- *Cycle Length:* 28 Days (with half cycle correction)



- PICO:**
- Population:*
- Patients (≥12 years) who develop SR-aGvHD following allo-HSCT
- Intervention:*
- Ruxolitinib 10 mg twice daily
- Comparator:*
- BAT composition informed by local clinicians
 - 5% Methotrexate/95% Extracorporeal Photopheresis
- Outcomes:*
- Life Years (LYs)
 - Quality Adjusted Life Years (QALYS)
 - Costs
 - Incremental Cost Effectiveness Ratio (ICER)

- Model Inputs:**
- Clinical Effectiveness:*
- Overall survival and duration of response extrapolated from individual patient data (IPD) from REACH2²
 - Median time to and proportion of patients experiencing additional events based off REACH2²
- Costs:*
- Healthcare resource utilization from REACH2 Trial²
 - Duration of treatment extrapolated from IPD from REACH2²
 - Unit costs from local hospital database and local healthcare payer³⁻⁴
- Utilities:*
- EuroQol 5D-3L collected from REACH2²
 - Disutilites for each additional event obtained from literature⁵⁻⁹

- Sensitivity Analysis**
- For *one way sensitivity analysis*, without changing other parameters, a 20% variation was applied to costs, utilities, additional event rates, healthcare utilization, and parameters used for survival extrapolation.
 - *Scenario analysis* explored impact of varying time horizons/discount rates, a societal perspective, alternative BAT compositions and alternative approaches to survival extrapolation.
 - 3000 probabilistic iterations is done in *probabilistic sensitivity analysis*.

Results

Ruxolitinib dominated BAT, leading to an incremental 0.18 LYs, 0.15 QALYS and cost savings of SGD 31,079 compared to BAT.

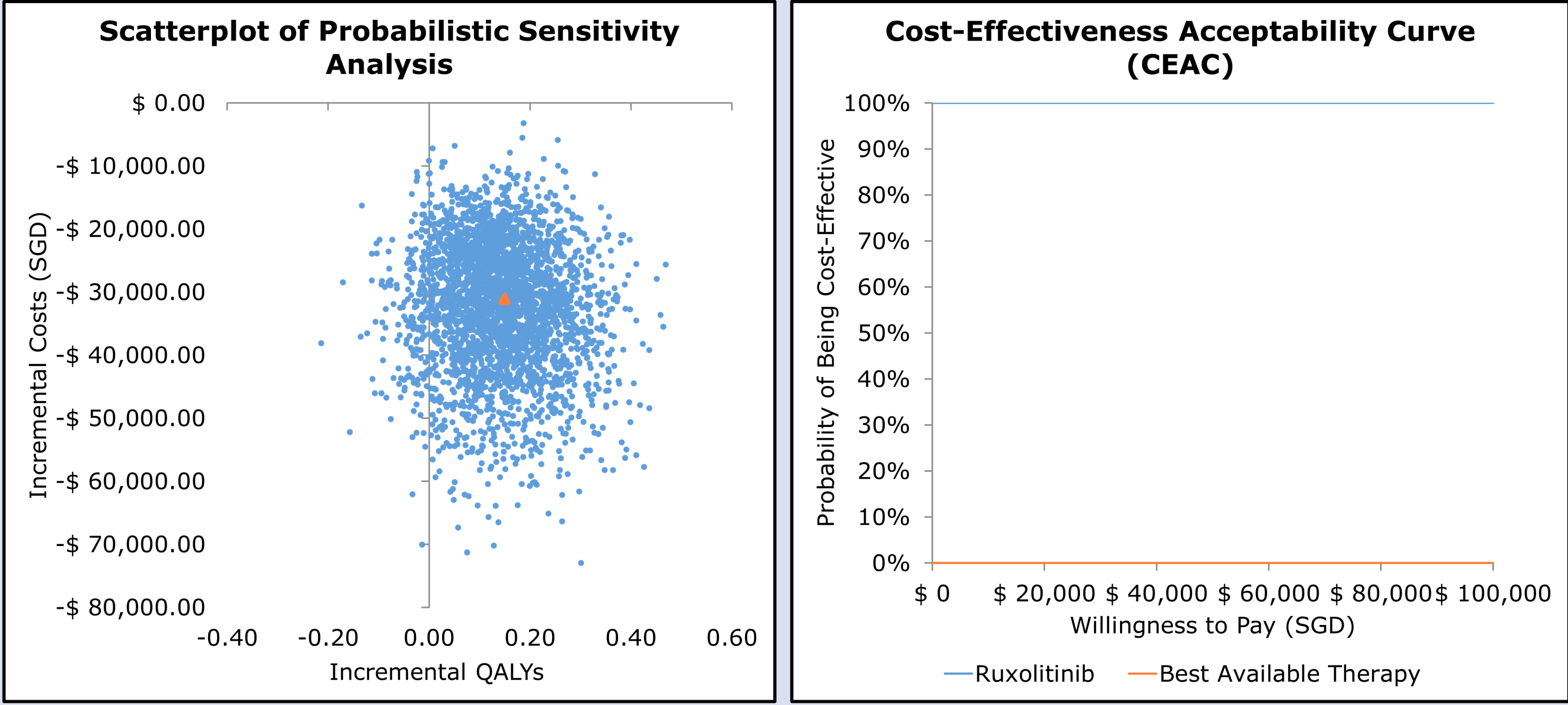
| | Ruxolitinib | Best Alternative Therapy | Incremental |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| LYs | 1.87 | 1.69 | 0.18 |
| QALYs | 1.04 | 0.89 | 0.15 |
| Total Costs (SGD) | SGD 65,336 | SGD 96,415 | SGD -31,079 |
| Drug Acquisition and Administration (ORR) | SGD 10,775 | SGD 19,630 | -SGD 8,855 |
| Drug Acquisition and Administration (NR) | SGD 11,945 | SGD 24,256 | -SGD 12,312 |
| Concomitant Medication Costs | SGD 1,047 | SGD 965 | SGD 82 |
| Healthcare Resource Use | SGD 35,910 | SGD 46,496 | -SGD 10,586 |
| Adverse Event Management | SGD 2,648 | SGD 2,041 | SGD 607 |
| Terminal Care | SGD 3,011 | SGD 3,027 | -SGD 15 |
| ICER (cost/LY) | Dominant | | |
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- One Way Sensitivity Analysis (OWSA):**
- In OWSA, ICER was most sensitive to the following parameters:
 - Weibull shape parameters used to extrapolate overall survival in non-responders decreased by 20%
 - Weibull shape parameters used to extrapolate overall survival Overall responders were increased by 20%
 - Ruxolitinib dominated BAT at all other variations explored, including cost, utilities and healthcare utilization data.

Scenario Analysis: Ruxolitinib dominated BAT in all scenarios explored

| Scenario | Incremental Costs | Incremental QALYs | ICERs |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Base Case | 0.15 | -SGD 31,079 | Dominant |
| Discount Rate (0%) | 0.16 | -SGD 32,198 | Dominant |
| Discount Rate (5%) | 0.14 | -SGD 30,432 | Dominant |
| Time Horizon 10 Years | 0.15 | -SGD 30,721 | Dominant |
| Time Horizon 20 Years | 0.15 | -SGD 31,216 | Dominant |
| Societal Perspective | 0.15 | -SGD 43,005 | Dominant |

Probabilistic Sensitivity Analysis: At a willingness to pay of 75,000 SGD/QALY Ruxolitinib was cost effective in 100% of probabilistic iterations



Limitations

- Uncertainty around exact composition of comparators
- Uncertainty around long term treatment outcomes

Conclusion

From a Singaporean healthcare payer perspective, ruxolitinib is likely to represent a good use of healthcare resources for treatment of steroid refractory acute graft versus host disease when compared against best alternative therapy.

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