Treating COVID-19: Review of Drug Hypersensitivity Reactions

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CME Items

- 1. Which of the following is a common adverse effect of icatibant?
 - a. Urticaria
 - b. Angioedema
 - c. Injection site reaction
 - d. All of the above
- 2. Which of the following is true?
 - a. Icatibant is approved for long-term prophylaxis in patients with hereditary angioedema
 - b. Icatibant binds to bradykinin type 1 and 2 receptors
 - c. Icatibant has a structure that could bind to SARS-CoV-2 protease M
 - d. All of the above are true
- 3. For which of the following drugs are there published desensitization protocols?
 - a. Remdesivir
 - b. Tocilizumab
 - c. Sarilumab
 - d. Ivermectin
- 4. Which of the following is true for corticosteroids?
 - a. Immediate drug hypersensitivity reactions are more frequent after the administration of topical corticosteroids
 - b. Delayed drug hypersensitivity reactions only occur after administration of systemic corticosteroids
 - c. Dexamethasone is the corticosteroid that most frequently produces immediate drug hypersensitivity reactions
 - d. Patch testing with corticosteroids is only positive on the seventh day
- 5. Which of the following statements is true?
 - a. The ideal time to initiate treatment with corticosteroids is during the early stages of SARS-CoV-2 infection
 - b. The ideal time to initiate treatment with antiinflammatory and immunosuppressive therapy is during the early stages of SARS-CoV-2 infection
 - c. Despite not having an antiviral effect, azithromycin is used to prevent possible complications that may arise due to SARS-CoV-2 infection
 - d. Severe SARS-CoV-2 infection is commonly complicated with coagulopathy and disseminated intravascular coagulation. Heparins are important anticoagulants used in the prophylaxis and treatment of thromboembolic disorders

- 6. Which of the following viral infections was remdesivir initially developed to treat before being considered a potential therapy for SARS-CoV-2 disease?
 - a. Dengue virus infection
 - b. Ebola virus infection
 - c. Zika virus infection
 - d. HIV infection
- 7. Which of the following is true for anakinra?
 - a. It is an interleukin 6 receptor antagonist
 - b. No skin tests have been performed to study possible hypersensitivity
 - c. Successful desensitization protocols have been reported
 - d. Local reactions after administration are rare
- 8. Which of the following is false?
 - a. Azithromycin and tacrolimus are both macrolides
 - b. Hypersensitivity reactions to tacrolimus are only related to its excipients
 - c. Hypersensitivity to macrolides is infrequent
 - d. Cross-reactivity between macrolides seems to be infrequent
- 9. Which of the following is true?
 - a. Sarilumab is a murine monoclonal antibody
 - b. Ivermectin is an antiparasitic agent
 - c. Baricitinib is an irreversible inhibitor of Janus kinase 2 (JAK 2)
 - d. Cyclosporine is an immunosuppressant isolated from bacteria
- 10. Which of the following is false?
 - a. Oral tacrolimus lacks polyoxyethylated castor oil, which can induce different adverse drug reactions
 - b. Currently, there is no drug approved for the treatment of SARS-CoV-2 disease
 - c. Data from the literature show that patients with delayed drug hypersensitivity reactions to low-molecular-weight heparins tolerate intravenous heparin
 - d. There are numerous desensitization protocols for macrolide hypersensitivity