

# The Future of Itch Relief

## The First and Only Second-Generation Janus Kinase (JAK) Inhibitor for Dogs<sup>1</sup>

-  At least 10X more selective for JAK1<sup>1\*</sup>
-  Starts reducing itch within 2-4 hours<sup>2†</sup>
-  >82% of dogs showed significant<sup>‡</sup> improvement in itch within 1 week<sup>3</sup>
-  Approved for dogs and puppies as young as 6 months of age and can be used in dogs weighing at least 2 kg
-  Proven safety for dogs
-  Once-daily dosing from day 1<sup>§</sup>

\* Over the other JAK enzymes in *in vitro* assays.

† In a canine interleukin-31 (cIL-31)-induced pruritus model.

‡ A  $\geq 2$  cm reduction in owner Pruritus Visual Analog Scale.

§ Numelvi is taken at or around mealtime.



# Most Dogs Require Just a Single Tablet or Half Tablet Daily

Numelvi™ (atinvicitinib tablets) is administered orally, once daily, at or around mealtime at a dose of 0.8-1.2 mg/kg (0.36-0.54 mg/lb) body weight according to the dosing table below.<sup>||</sup>

Body weight of dog		Strength and number of Numelvi tablets to be administered			
lb	kg	4.8 mg	7.2 mg	21.6 mg	31.6 mg
4.4-6.5	2.0-2.9	½			
6.6-9.5	3.0-4.3		½		
9.6-13.3	4.4-6.0	1			
13.4-19.9	6.1-9.0		1		
20.0-29.8	9.1-13.5			½	
29.9-42.6	13.6-19.3				½
42.7-58.4	19.4-26.5			1	
58.5-87.0	26.6-39.5				1
87.1-118.9	39.6-54.0				1 ½
119.0-174.2	54.1-79.0				2

Tablets not to scale.



0.38 x 0.19 inches



0.43 x 0.21 inches



0.62 x 0.31 inches



0.71 x 0.36 inches

<sup>||</sup> For dogs ≥ 174.3 lb (≥79.1 kg), administer the appropriate combination of tablet strengths to achieve the target dose of 0.8-1.2 mg/kg.

**Important Safety Information:** NUMELVI is not for use in dogs less than 6 months of age or those with serious infections. NUMELVI may increase susceptibility to opportunistic infections, including demodicosis and interdigital furunculosis. Consider the risks and benefits of treatment prior to initiating NUMELVI in dogs with a history of recurrent demodicosis. NUMELVI is a JAK inhibitor. New neoplastic conditions (benign and malignant) have been reported in dogs treated with other JAK inhibitors. The effectiveness and safety of NUMELVI have not been evaluated in a field study beyond 28 days. The safe use of NUMELVI has not been evaluated in breeding, pregnant, or lactating dogs, nor in combination with glucocorticoids, cyclosporine, or other systemic immunosuppressive agents. For complete safety information, refer to the product label.

# Compare Numelvi to the Competition

	Numelvi™ (atinvicitinib tablets)	Apoquel® (oclacitinib tablet) <sup>4</sup>	Zenrelia™ (ilunocitinib tablets) <sup>5</sup>
A second-generation JAK inhibitor <sup>1</sup>	✓	—	—
At least <b>10X more selective</b> for JAK1* than the other JAK enzymes	✓	—	—
High selectivity for JAK1 <b>minimizes interference</b> with the beneficial immune functions of the other JAKs <sup>6</sup>	✓	—	—
<b>Rapid onset itch relief from the first dose</b> with once-daily dosing <sup>7,8</sup>	✓	—	—
Safe for dogs and puppies as young as <b>6 months of age</b>	✓	—	—
Adequate serological response to <b>all tested vaccines in all dogs</b> <sup>11</sup>	✓	✓ #	—
<b>No need to alter</b> vaccination schedule	✓	✓	—
<b>Once-daily dosing</b> from day 1 <sup>5</sup>	✓	—	✓

\* Over the other JAK enzymes in *in vitro* assays.

<sup>5</sup> Numelvi is taken at or around mealtime.

<sup>11</sup> Inactivated rabies, multivalent modified live canine distemper virus (CDV), modified live canine adenovirus type-2 (CAV2), and modified live canine parvovirus (CPV) vaccine.

# Except for modified live (MLV) canine parainfluenza virus (CPI); MLV canine adenovirus-2 (CAV2) not analyzed.



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# Numelvi™

## (atinivicitinib tablets)

Immunomodulator

**For oral use in dogs only****CAUTION:** Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.**DESCRIPTION:**

The active ingredient in NUMELVI is atinivicitinib. Atinivicitinib is a synthetic selective Janus kinase (JAK) 1 inhibitor. The chemical (IUPAC) name of atinivicitinib is 1-[(3R,4S)-4-cyanooxan-3-yl]-3-[[2-fluoro-6-methoxy-pyridin-4-yl]amino]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide.

**INDICATIONS:**

NUMELVI is indicated for the control of pruritus associated with allergic dermatitis in dogs 6 months of age and older.

**DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION:**

NUMELVI should be administered orally, once daily, at a dose of 0.36 to 0.54 mg atinivicitinib/lb (0.8 to 1.2 mg atinivicitinib/kg) body weight according to the Dosing Table below.

NUMELVI should be administered with food.

**Dosing Table**

Body Weight Ranges (lb)	Body Weight Ranges (kg)	Number of Tablets to be Administered			
		4.8 mg tablets	7.2 mg tablets	21.6 mg tablets	31.6 mg tablets
4.4 - 6.5	2 - 2.9	0.5			
6.6 - 9.5	3 - 4.3		0.5		
9.6 - 13.3	4.4 - 6	1			
13.4 - 19.9	6.1 - 9		1		
20 - 29.8	9.1 - 13.5			0.5	
29.9 - 42.6	13.6 - 19.3				0.5
42.7 - 58.4	19.4 - 26.5		1		
58.5 - 87	26.6 - 39.5				1
87.1 - 118.9	39.6 - 54				1.5
119 - 174.2	54.1 - 79				2
≥ 174.3	≥ 79.1	Administer the appropriate combination of tablet strengths			

**WARNINGS:****User Safety Warnings:**

This product is not for human use. Keep this and all drugs out of reach of children. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water immediately after handling tablets. In case of accidental ingestion, seek medical attention immediately.

**Animal Safety Warnings:**

Dogs should be monitored for the development of infections because NUMELVI may increase susceptibility to opportunistic infections, including demodicosis and interdigital furunculosis (see **Target Animal Safety**).

NUMELVI is not for use in dogs with serious infections.

NUMELVI is a JAK inhibitor. New neoplastic conditions (benign and malignant) have been reported in dogs treated with other JAK inhibitors.

Consider the risks and benefits of treatment prior to initiating NUMELVI in dogs with a history of recurrent demodicosis.

NUMELVI modulates the immune system.

NUMELVI is not for use in dogs less than 6 months of age (see **Target Animal Safety**).

Keep NUMELVI in a secure location out of reach of dogs, cats, and other animals to prevent accidental ingestion or overdose.

**PRECAUTIONS:**

The effectiveness and safety of NUMELVI have not been evaluated in a field study beyond 28 days (see **Adverse Reactions** and **Effectiveness**).

The safe use of NUMELVI has not been evaluated in breeding, pregnant, or lactating dogs. Decreased mean testes weight was observed in a laboratory safety study (see **Target Animal Safety**).

The safe use of NUMELVI has not been evaluated in combination with glucocorticoids, cyclosporine, or other systemic immunosuppressive agents.

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:**

In a masked field study assessing effectiveness and safety of NUMELVI for the control of pruritus associated with allergic dermatitis in dogs, 144 NUMELVI-treated dogs and 144 placebo-treated dogs were evaluated for safety for up to 28 days. Adverse reactions seen during the field study are summarized in Table 1 below.

**Table 1. Adverse Reactions through Day 28**

Adverse Reaction	NUMELVI (N=144) Number of dogs (%)	Placebo (N=144) Number of dogs (%)
Vomiting or nausea	10 (6.9%)	6 (4.2%)
Otitis externa	9 (6.3%)	8 (5.6%)
Hematuria (without urinary tract infection)	7 (4.9%)	6 (4.2%)
Anorexia	6 (4.2%)	5 (3.5%)
Bacterial skin infection	6 (4.2%)	10 (6.9%)
Diarrhea	6 (4.2%)	15 (10.4%)
Crystalluria	5 (3.5%)	2 (1.4%)
Lethargy	5 (3.5%)	5 (3.5%)
Urinary tract infection	5 (3.5%)	5 (3.5%)
Upset stomach, including flatulence, retching, and bloating	3 (2.1%)	0
Neurological disorder (e.g., tremors, ataxia)	2 (1.4%)	1 (0.7%)
Ocular discharge	2 (1.4%)	1 (0.7%)
Coughing	1 (0.7%)	0
Granuloma	1 (0.7%)	0
Increased urination	1 (0.7%)	0

Abnormal hematology results likely related to NUMELVI administration included leukopenia, neutropenia, eosinopenia, monocytopenia, and lymphocytosis.

Abnormal serum chemistry results likely related to NUMELVI administration included increased alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST), and symmetric dimethylarginine (SDMA), and hypercholesterolemia.

Three NUMELVI-treated dogs withdrew from the study early due to an adverse reaction, two of which were considered likely related to NUMELVI treatment (i.e., diarrhea). Two placebo-treated dogs also withdrew from the study early due to an adverse reaction (i.e., diarrhea).

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

For technical information or to report a suspected adverse event, please contact Merck Animal Health at 1-800-224-5318 or <https://www.merck-animal-health-usa.com>. Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) can be found at <https://www.merck.com/products/safety-data-sheets/4>.

For additional information about reporting adverse drug experiences for animal drugs, contact FDA at 1-888-FDA-VETS or <https://www.fda.gov/reportanimalae>.

**CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:****Mechanism of Action**

Atinivicitinib is a Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitor. It inhibits the function of a variety of pruritogenic, pro-inflammatory and allergy related cytokines that are dependent upon JAK enzymes. Atinivicitinib is more selective for JAK1 compared to JAK2, JAK3, and tyrosine kinase 2 (TYK2). Atinivicitinib is not a corticosteroid or an antihistamine.

**Pharmacokinetics**

In a laboratory margin of safety study in healthy 6-month-old dogs (see **Target Animal Safety**), after repeat daily oral administration of atinivicitinib at 1.2 mg/kg for 6 months, the atinivicitinib mean [coefficient of variation % (CV%)] maximum concentration ( $C_{max}$ ) was 214 ng/mL (42%) with a median  $T_{max}$  (time to  $C_{max}$ ) of 2 (range 1-6) hours. The mean area under the curve from the time of dosing to the last quantifiable plasma concentration ( $AUC_{0-24}$ ) and half-life were 888 h\*ng/mL (27%) and 2.3 hours (27%), respectively. Minimal accumulation was observed between Days 1 and 182 with geometric mean accumulation ratios for  $C_{max}$  and  $AUC_{0-24}$  of 1.0 and 1.2.  $AUC_{0-24}$  and  $C_{max}$  increased in a linear but less than proportional manner where a 5-fold increase in dose resulted in a 4.5-fold (95% confidence interval [CI]: 3.6-5.3) and 3.7-fold (95% CI: 3.1-4.2) increase in  $AUC_{0-24}$  and  $C_{max}$ , respectively.

Following a single oral or intravenous administration of atinivicitinib, the geometric mean oral bioavailability based on  $AUC_{0-24}$  was 45.5%. The mean systemic clearance following intravenous administration is 1074 mL/h/kg with a harmonic mean terminal half-life of 1.1 hours and a mean volume of distribution of 1651 mL/kg. Following a single oral administration of atinivicitinib at 1.2 mg/kg,  $C_{max}$  and  $AUC_{0-24}$  were 280% and 120% higher, respectively, in the fed state as compared to the fasted state (n=16). Atinivicitinib was found to be mainly excreted in the feces while urinary elimination was a minor route of excretion. Atinivicitinib has moderate protein binding with 82.3% bound in fortified canine plasma at a concentration of 1802 ng/mL (5 μM).

**EFFECTIVENESS:**

A masked, 28-day, placebo-controlled study was conducted at 26 veterinary clinics in the US, enrolling 288 client-owned dogs diagnosed with allergic dermatitis and having at least moderate pruritus. The allergic dermatitis was attributed to one or more of the following conditions (in the order of frequency): atopic dermatitis, unspecified allergic dermatitis, food hypersensitivity, flea allergy dermatitis, and contact dermatitis. Dogs were randomized to once daily treatment with NUMELVI at 0.8 - 1.2 mg/kg or placebo, at a ratio of 1:1 respectively. Other medications that could affect the evaluation of effectiveness were not allowed during the study, such as corticosteroids, antihistamines, and cyclosporine. Treatment success for each dog was defined as a ≥ 50% reduction from baseline in owner-assessed pruritus scores on the Pruritus Visual Analog Scale (PVAS) on at least 5 out of the first 7 days of treatment. The proportion of dogs in the NUMELVI group that were treatment successes was greater than and significantly different compared to the placebo group on Day 7 (Table 2, below).

**Table 2. Estimated Proportion of Dogs Achieving Treatment Success**

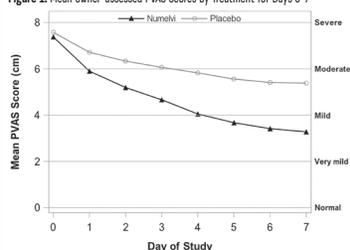
Treatment Group	Estimated Proportion of Success*
NUMELVI (N = 125)	0.23
Placebo (N = 125)	0.07*

\* Based on back-transformed least squares means.

† Placebo vs. NUMELVI p = 0.0128

N = number of dogs

Mean owner-assessed PVAS scores were lower in the NUMELVI group after Day 0 (Figure 1, below).

**Figure 1: Mean owner-assessed PVAS Scores by Treatment for Days 0-7**

Veterinarians used a Dermatitis Visual Analog Scale (DVAS) to assess each dog's dermatitis. Veterinarian-assessed DVAS scores were lower for the NUMELVI group compared to the placebo group at all time points through Day 28.

**TARGET ANIMAL SAFETY:****Margin of Safety Study**

NUMELVI was administered orally to 24 healthy, 6-month-old Beagle dogs at 1X, 3X, and 5X (8 dogs per group) the maximum labeled dose of 1.2 mg/kg once daily for 6 months. The 8 dogs in the control group were sham dosed. Dogs were dosed in the fed state. One dog in the 5X group developed progressive alopecia, fever, lethargy, generalized lymphadenitis, interdigital furunculosis (cysts), interdigital swellings, and pustules on the border of the oral cavity. The dog had a declining clinical condition under continued treatment with NUMELVI and was euthanized on Day 175. The lesions were histologically consistent with generalized demodicosis including marked, chronic, active dermal inflammation, and minimal, multifocal, neutrophilic infiltration in the mandibular lymph node and were considered due to NUMELVI-induced immunosuppression. The dog demonstrated greater systemic exposure to NUMELVI (higher  $C_{max}$  and  $AUC_{0-24}$  values) compared to other dogs in the 5X group. One dog in the 3X group developed a single interdigital cyst with no *Demodex canis* mites identified in the hair follicles. Male dogs in the NUMELVI treatment groups had decreased mean testes weight compared to the control dogs. Microscopic pathology findings in one 1X dog with pre-existing unilateral cryptorchidism and one 3X dog included unilateral, focal, minimal testicular tubular hypoplasia. There were no NUMELVI-related effects on clinical pathology.

**Vaccine Response Study**

NUMELVI was administered orally to 10 healthy, 6-month-old, vaccine naïve Beagle dogs at 3X the maximum labeled dose of 1.2 mg/kg once daily for 84 days. The dogs in the control group (10) received placebo tablets. All dogs were dosed in the fed state. After the last dose on Day 84, all dogs were observed for an additional 84 days. All dogs received a multivalent modified live canine adenovirus type-2 (CAV), canine distemper virus (CDV), canine parvovirus (CPV) vaccination and a killed rabies virus (RV) vaccination on Day 28. An additional multivalent modified live CAV, CDV, CPV vaccination was administered on Day 56. All dogs in the NUMELVI treatment group demonstrated an adequate serological immune response to the modified live CAV, CDV, CPV, and killed RV vaccination on Day 84. There were no NUMELVI-related adverse clinical effects.

**STORAGE CONDITIONS:**

NUMELVI tablets should be stored at 15 to 30°C (59 to 86°F).

**HOW SUPPLIED:**

NUMELVI (atinivicitinib tablets) is available in scored tablets in four strengths: 4.8 mg, 7.2 mg, 21.6 mg, and 31.6 mg per tablet. Each tablet strength is available in 30 and 90 count bottles. Each tablet is marked with an S, M, L, or XL that correspond to the different tablet strengths.

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