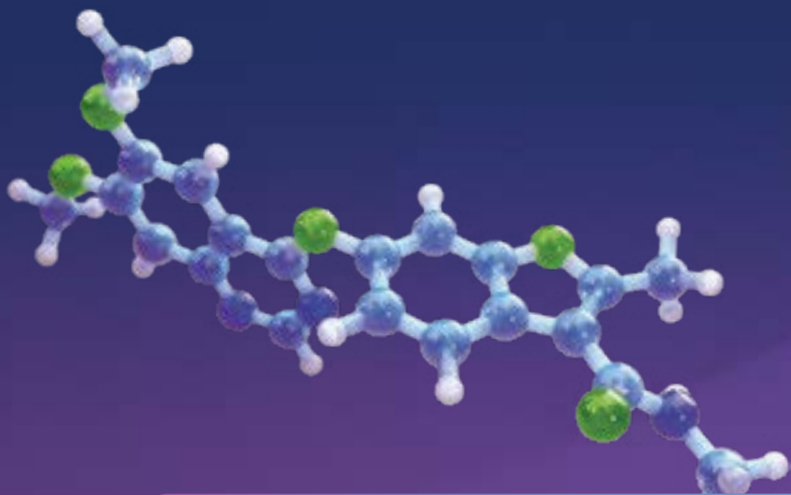




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# FRUZAQLA

## Mechanism of Action

**FRUZAQLA<sup>®</sup> (fruquintinib) is a non-chemotherapy that selectively inhibits VEGF receptors to restrict tumor growth in mCRC<sup>1-4</sup>**

VEGF=vascular endothelial growth factor.

### INDICATION

FRUZAQLA is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC) who have been previously treated with fluoropyrimidine-, oxaliplatin-, and irinotecan-based chemotherapy, an anti-VEGF therapy, and, if RAS wild-type and medically appropriate, an anti-EGFR therapy.

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#### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

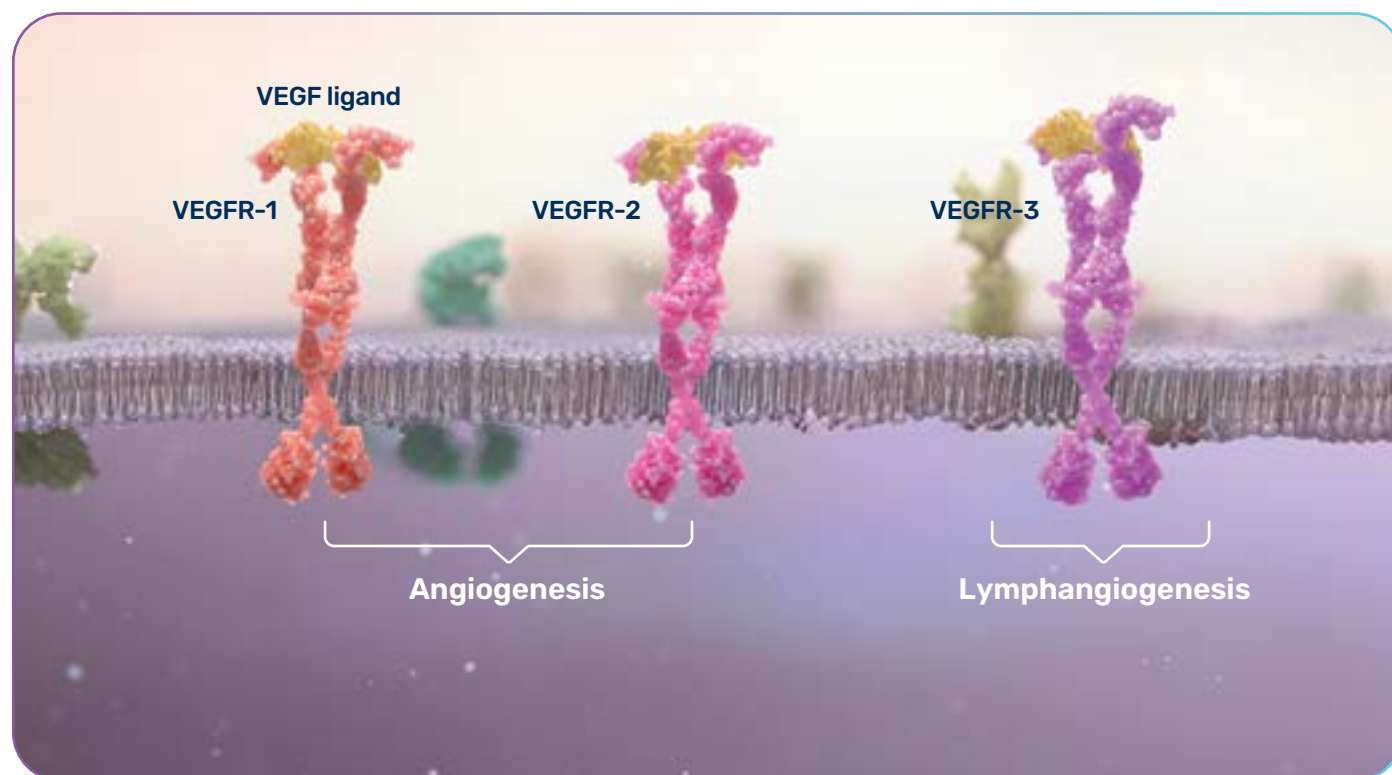
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# VEGFR-1, -2, and -3 induce the growth and progression of solid tumors<sup>5</sup>

The binding of VEGF to VEGFR-1, -2, and -3 activates the receptors and induces phosphorylation of the kinase domain, leading to<sup>6,7</sup>:

- Angiogenesis signaling by VEGFR-1 and -2, which aids in tumor development<sup>8</sup>
- Lymphangiogenesis signaling by VEGFR-3, which enables tumor metastasis<sup>5,8</sup>



Continued innovation in therapies targeting VEGF is vital for previously treated mCRC<sup>9,10</sup>


VEGFR=vascular endothelial growth factor receptor.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

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- **Hemorrhagic Events** including serious, fatal events can occur with FRUZAQLA. In 911 patients with mCRC treated with FRUZAQLA, 6% of patients experienced gastrointestinal hemorrhage, including 1% with a Grade  $\geq 3$  event and 2 patients with fatal hemorrhages. Permanently discontinue FRUZAQLA in patients with severe or life-threatening hemorrhage. Monitor the International Normalized Ratio (INR) levels in patients receiving anticoagulants.

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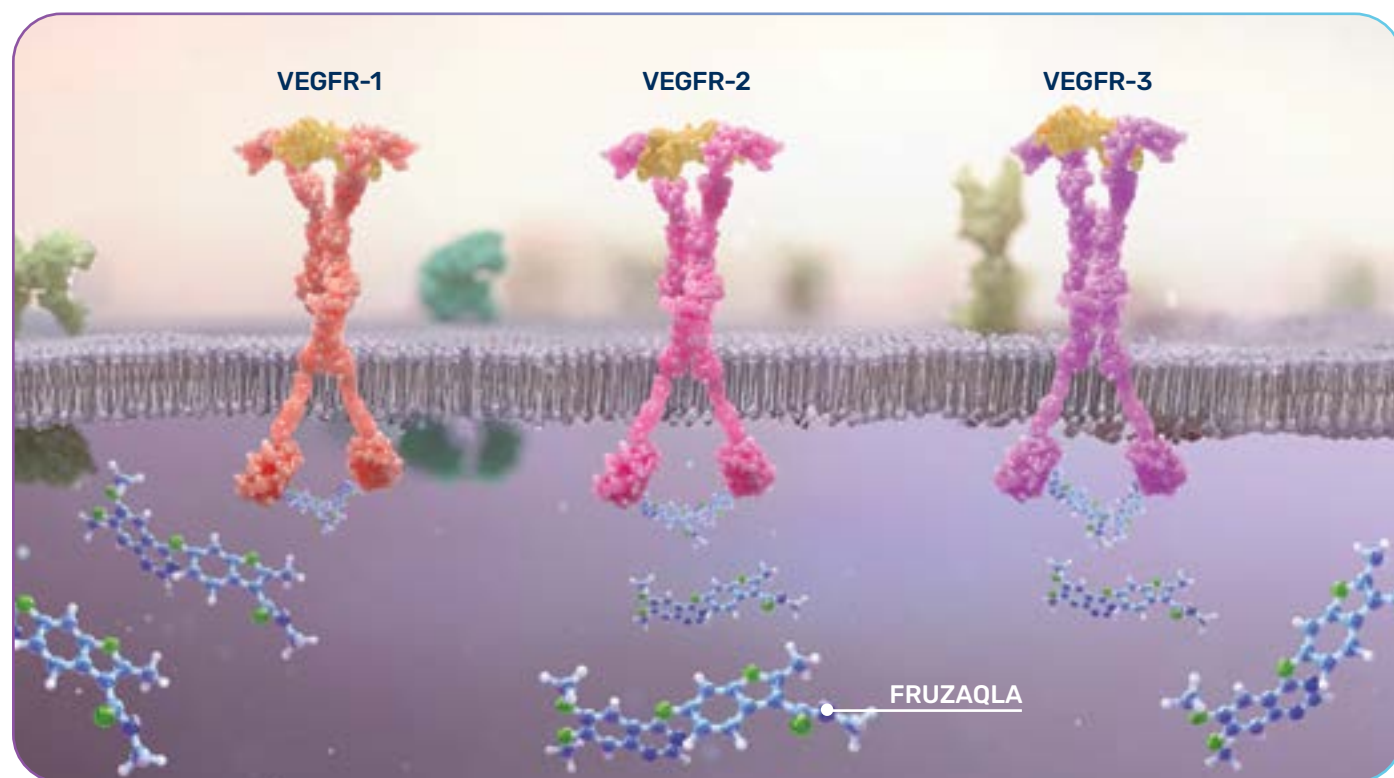
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# FRUZAQLA is a non-chemotherapy that restricts tumor growth by inhibiting all 3 VEGFRs<sup>1-4</sup>

Most first-generation treatments target the VEGF ligand outside the cell, while FRUZAQLA binds and inhibits VEGFRs intracellularly<sup>2,11</sup>

Phosphorylation of the kinase domain is prevented, blocking VEGFR signaling and leading to<sup>2</sup>:

- Restricted tumor growth and progression (VEGFR-1 and VEGFR-2)<sup>2,3</sup>
- Potential inhibition of lymphangiogenesis (VEGFR-3)<sup>2,4</sup>




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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

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- **Gastrointestinal Perforation** occurred in patients treated with FRUZAQLA. In 911 patients with mCRC treated with FRUZAQLA, 1.3% experienced a Grade  $\geq 3$  gastrointestinal perforation, including one fatal event. Permanently discontinue FRUZAQLA in patients who develop gastrointestinal perforation or fistula.
- **Hepatotoxicity.** FRUZAQLA can cause liver injury. In 911 patients with mCRC treated with FRUZAQLA, 48% experienced increased ALT or AST, including Grade  $\geq 3$  events in 5%, and fatal events in 0.2% of patients. Monitor liver function tests (ALT, AST, and bilirubin) before initiation and periodically throughout treatment with FRUZAQLA. Temporarily hold and then reduce or permanently discontinue FRUZAQLA depending on the severity and persistence of hepatotoxicity as manifested by elevated liver function tests.
- **Proteinuria.** FRUZAQLA can cause proteinuria. In 911 patients with mCRC treated with FRUZAQLA, 36% experienced proteinuria and 2.5% of patients experienced Grade  $\geq 3$  events. Monitor for proteinuria before initiation and periodically throughout treatment with FRUZAQLA. For proteinuria  $\geq 2\text{g}/24$  hours, withhold FRUZAQLA until improvement to  $\leq$  Grade 1 proteinuria and resume FRUZAQLA at a reduced dose. Discontinue FRUZAQLA in patients who develop nephrotic syndrome.
- **Palmar-Plantar Erythrodysesthesia (PPE)** occurred in 35% of 911 patients treated with FRUZAQLA, including 8% with Grade 3 events. Based on severity of PPE, withhold FRUZAQLA and then resume at the same or reduced dose.
- **Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy Syndrome (PRES),** a syndrome of subcortical vasogenic edema diagnosed by characteristic finding on MRI, occurred in one of 911 patients treated with FRUZAQLA. Perform an evaluation for PRES in any patient presenting with seizures, headache, visual disturbances, confusion, or altered mental function. Discontinue FRUZAQLA in patients who develop PRES.
- **Impaired Wound Healing.** In 911 patients with mCRC treated with FRUZAQLA, 1 patient experienced a Grade 2 event of wound dehiscence. Do not administer FRUZAQLA for at least 2 weeks prior to major surgery. Do not administer FRUZAQLA for at least 2 weeks after major surgery and until adequate wound healing. The safety of resumption of FRUZAQLA after resolution of wound healing complications has not been established.
- **Arterial Thromboembolic Events.** In 911 patients with mCRC treated with FRUZAQLA, 0.8% of patients experienced an arterial thromboembolic event. Initiation of FRUZAQLA in patients with a recent history of thromboembolic events should be carefully considered. In patients who develop arterial thromboembolism, discontinue FRUZAQLA.

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- **Allergic Reactions to FD&C Yellow No. 5 (Tartrazine) and No. 6 (Sunset Yellow FCF).** FRUZAQLA 1 mg capsules contain FD&C Yellow No. 5 (tartrazine), which may cause allergic-type reactions (including bronchial asthma) in certain susceptible persons. FRUZAQLA 1 mg contains FD&C Yellow No. 6 (sunset yellow FCF), which may cause allergic reactions.
- **Embryo-Fetal Toxicity.** Based on findings in animal studies and its mechanism of action, FRUZAQLA can cause fetal harm when administered to pregnant women. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus.

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse reactions (incidence  $\geq 20\%$ ) following treatment with FRUZAQLA included hypertension, palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia (hand-foot skin reactions), proteinuria, dysphonia, abdominal pain, diarrhea, and asthenia.

**DRUG INTERACTIONS:** Avoid concomitant administration of FRUZAQLA with strong or moderate CYP3A inducers.


### USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

- **Lactation:** Advise women not to breastfeed during treatment with FRUZAQLA and for 2 weeks after the last dose.
- **Females and Males of Reproductive Potential**
  - **Pregnancy Testing:** Verify pregnancy status of females of reproductive potential prior to initiating FRUZAQLA.
  - **Contraception:** Females of childbearing potential and males with female partners of childbearing potential should use effective contraception during treatment and for 2 weeks after the last dose of FRUZAQLA.
  - **Infertility:** Advise females of reproductive potential that FRUZAQLA may cause post-implantation loss.

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Takeda Pharmaceuticals at 1-844-662-8532 or the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

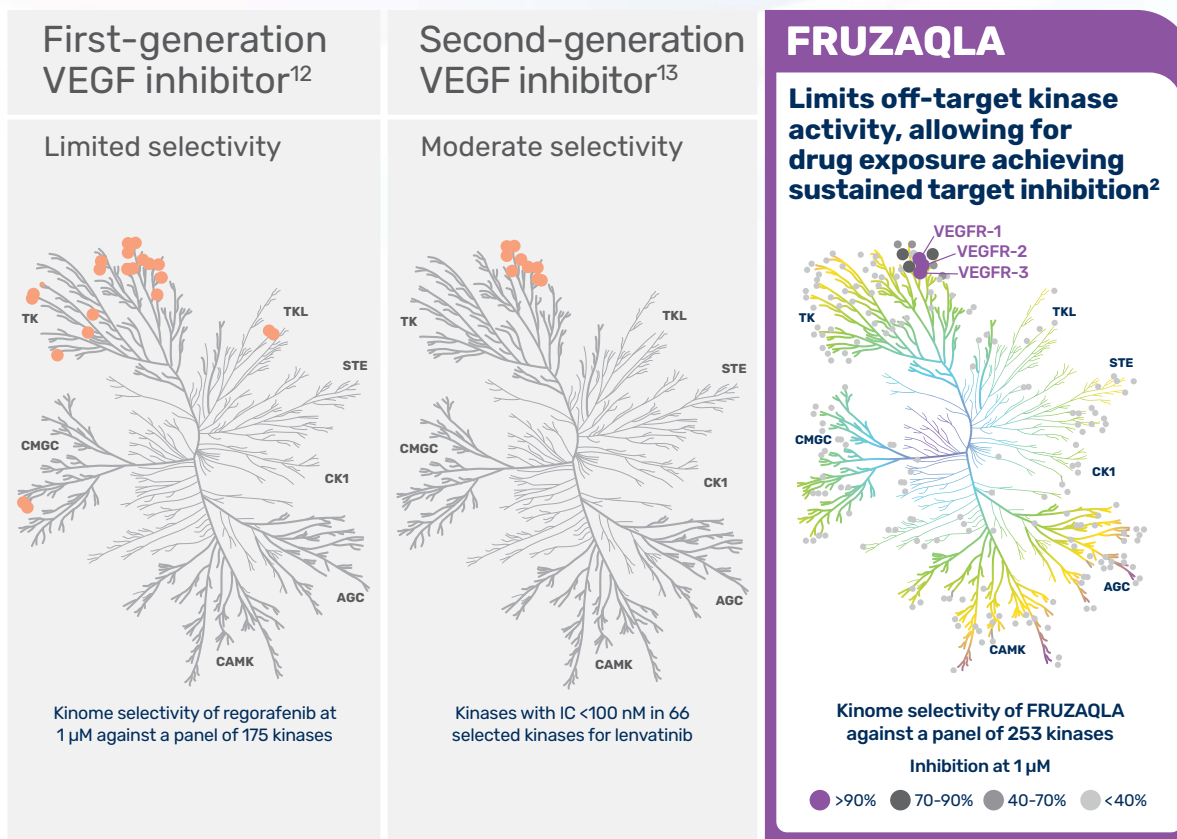
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# FRUZAQLA: a novel, selective inhibitor of all 3 VEGFRs<sup>1,2,12,13</sup>

Unlike earlier-generation VEGF inhibitors with activity at multiple off-target kinases, FRUZAQLA inhibits VEGFR-1, -2, and -3 with limited effects on other kinases<sup>2,12,13</sup>



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AGC=protein kinase A, G, and C families; CAMK=calcium/calmodulin-dependent protein kinases; CK1=casein kinase 1; CMGC=cyclin-dependent kinase, mitogen-activated protein kinase, glycogen synthase kinase, and cyclin-dependent-like kinase; IC=inhibitory concentration; MOA=mechanism of action; STE=serine/threonine-specific protein kinase; TK=tyrosine kinase; TKL=tyrosine kinase-like kinase.

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