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Greater Survival Benefit Observed in a subset of Men with Less Aggressive Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer Treated with ZYTIGA® Plus Prednisone

NOTE: this press release relates to EAU 2016 Congress poster session #61, 14 March 2016.¹

Munich, Germany, 14 March, 2016 – Janssen-Cilag International NV today announced that data from a post-hoc analysis of the Phase 3 COU-AA-302 trial indicates that there might be a subset of men with mCRPC that have a greater benefit than others from ZYTIGA® (abiraterone acetate) plus prednisone. This post-hoc analysis describes that ZYTIGAplus prednisone provided an 11.8 months overall survival (OS) benefit (53.6 months vs 41.8 months; HR = 0.61 [95% CI, 0.43-0.87]; p = 0.0055), compared to an active control of placebo plus prednisone, in a subset of men with asymptomatic less aggressive chemotherapy-naïve metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC).¹

Data from the post-hoc analysis, presented today at the European Association of Urology (EAU) 2016 Congress in Munich, Germany, describe a longer OS benefit than previously shown (4.4
months) in the final analysis of the COU-AA-302 trial (34.7 months ZYTIGA plus prednisone vs 30.3 months placebo plus prednisone; HR = 0.81 [95% CI, 0.70-0.93]; p = 0.0033). The final analysis was originally presented at the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) 2014 Congress and included a broader range of men with asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic chemotherapy-naïve mCRPC.²

The post-hoc analysis divided patients into two groups to identify which group might experience a greater treatment benefit. The patients in Group 1 were in a less symptomatic and less advanced stage of the disease (which was defined as having a Brief Pain Inventory [BPI] Short Form score of 0-1, prostate-specific antigen [PSA] below 80 ng/ml and a Gleason score [GS] of below 8). Those in Group 2 were in a more symptomatic and more advanced stage of the disease (defined as a having a BPI of 2 or over and/or PSA of 80 ng/ml or above, and/or a GS of 8 or more). The analysis show that patients in both groups experienced an OS benefit when treated with ZYTIGA plus prednisone, compared to placebo plus prednisone (Group 1: 11.8 months; HR = 0.61 [95% CI, 0.43-0.87]; p = 0.0055) (Group 2: 2.8 months; HR = 0.84 [95% CI, 0.72-0.99]; p = 0.0321).¹

"Post-hoc analyses such as this are very important in helping us to identify the patients who could benefit most from therapies such as novel hormone agents, and at what stage of a patient’s disease they could be most effective.” said Professor Kurt Miller, Department of Urology, Charité Berlin, Berlin, Germany. “As men with prostate cancer are living longer, quality of life is an increasingly important factor for them and their families. It is therefore encouraging to see that when used earlier, patients can stay on ZYTIGA for longer and delay the need for additional, more invasive treatments,” he continued.

In addition to OS benefit, the post-hoc analysis data also describe that both groups show improvement in disease progression, cancer-related pain and treatment duration when treated with ZYTIGA plus prednisone, compared to placebo plus prednisone:

- Time to chemotherapy use was increased by 12.7 months in Group 1 and 8.8 months in Group 2
  - Group 1: 37.0 months vs 24.3 months; HR = 0.64 [95% CI, 0.46-0.89]; p = 0.0073
  - Group 2: 23.3 months vs 14.5 months; HR = 0.71 [95% CI, 0.60-0.85]; p = 0.0001
- There was an improvement in median time to opiate use for cancer-related pain in both groups
  - Group 1: not reached vs 41.0 months; HR = 0.69 [95% CI, 0.48-0.99]; p = 0.0409
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• Median time on treatment almost doubled in both groups
  o Group 1: 20.4 months vs 11.2 months; HR = 0.41 [95% CI, 0.31-0.54]; p < 0.0001
  o Group 2: 12.3 months vs 7.2 months; HR = 0.54 [95% CI, 0.46-0.62]; p < 0.0001

Jane Griffiths, Company Group Chairman, Janssen Europe, the Middle and Africa (EMEA) said: “Janssen is proud that this study continues to deliver valuable insights as to how best to treat different stages of advanced prostate cancer. We hope that this additional analysis will help healthcare professionals to define the most effective treatment pathway for individual patients. We remain committed to continuing our research in this area with the aim of helping to improve outcomes for men affected by this disease now and in the future.”

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NOTES TO EDITORS

About the COU-AA-302 study

COU-AA-302 is an international, randomised, double-blind, placebo controlled Phase 3 study that included 1,088 men with mCRPC who had not received prior chemotherapy and were randomised to receive ZYTIGA (abiraterone acetate) 1,000 milligrams (mg) administered orally once-daily plus prednisone 5 mg administered twice-daily or placebo plus prednisone 5 mg administered twice-daily. The co-primary endpoints of the study were rPFS and OS. Key secondary endpoints included time to opiate use, time to initiation of chemotherapy, time to Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status deterioration and time to PSA progression. The final analysis was presented at the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) 2014 Congress.

The post-hoc analysis used the final dataset for the intent-to-treat population (n = 1088), to stratify patients into Group 1 (BPI 0-1, PSA < 80 ng/ml and GS < 8) and Group 2 (BPI ≥ 2 and/or PSA ≥ 80 ng/ml and/or GS ≥ 8). OS, radiographic progression-free survival (rPFS), time to CT use, time to opiate use, and time on treatment with ZYTIGA plus prednisone vs placebo plus prednisone were analysed by the Kaplan–Meier method and Cox proportional hazards regression.

About ZYTIGA (abiraterone acetate)

ZYTIGA is the only approved therapy that inhibits production of androgen, which fuels prostate cancer growth, via inhibiting the CYP17 enzyme complex present at three sources: the testes, adrenals and the tumour itself.
ZYTIGA has been approved in more than 90 countries and to date, has been prescribed to more than 269,500 men worldwide.

**Indication**³

In 2011, ZYTIGA in combination with prednisone/prednisolone was approved by the European Commission (EC) for the treatment of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) in adult men whose disease has progressed on or after a docetaxel-based chemotherapy regimen.

In December 2012, the EC granted an extension of the indication for ZYTIGA permitting its use, in combination with prednisone or prednisolone, for the treatment of mCRPC, in adult men who are asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic after failure of androgen deprivation therapy in whom chemotherapy is not yet clinically indicated.³

**Further Information**³

For a full list of side effects and for further information on dosage and administration, contraindications and other precautions when using ZYTIGA, please refer to the summary of product characteristics, which is available at:


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**References**

