U.S. FDA Grants Priority Review for Pfizer’s New Drug Application for Glasdegib in Patients with Previously Untreated Acute Myeloid Leukemia

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Submission Based on Data from Randomized Phase 2 Trial, Which Showed Glasdegib in Combination with Chemotherapy Nearly Doubled Overall Survival Compared to Chemotherapy Alone

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Pfizer Inc. (NYSE:PFE) today announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) accepted the company’s New Drug Application and granted Priority Review designation for glasdegib, an investigational oral smoothened (SMO) inhibitor, being evaluated for the treatment of adult patients with previously untreated acute myeloid leukemia (AML) in combination with low-dose cytarabine (LDAC), a type of chemotherapy.

“Patients with acute myeloid leukemia who are ineligible for intensive chemotherapy are in critical need of new treatment options to improve their overall survival,” said Mace Rothenberg, M.D., chief development officer, Oncology, Pfizer Global Product Development. “In an investigational Phase 2 study, glasdegib in combination with low-dose cytarabine showed a significant improvement in overall survival compared to patients who received low-dose cytarabine alone. Glasdegib is the first smoothened inhibitor to potentially offer such a benefit to patients with acute myeloid leukemia, and we are proud that our application was accepted by the FDA for Priority Review.”

The submission is based on results from the Phase 2 BRIGHT 1003 study, a randomized, open-label, multicenter trial investigating glasdegib combined with LDAC (n=88) versus LDAC alone (n=44) in 132 patients with previously untreated AML or high-risk myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) who were not eligible for intensive chemotherapy. Results demonstrated a significant improvement in the primary endpoint of overall survival (OS). Median OS was 8.8 months for patients treated with glasdegib plus LDAC compared with 4.9 months for patients treated with LDAC only. This difference represented a 49.9 percent reduction in the risk of death for patients treated with glasdegib plus LDAC (HR: 0.501, 95% CI: 0.334, 0.752, one-sided p-value 0.0003). The BRIGHT 1003 results were presented in 2016 at the 58th American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting.

The most frequently (≥30% of patients) reported adverse events (AEs) in patients treated with glasdegib plus LDAC compared to LDAC alone were anemia (45% vs 42%), febrile neutropenia (36% vs 27%), nausea (36% vs 12%), decreased appetite (32% vs 12%), fatigue (31% vs 20%) and thrombocytopenia (30% vs 27%). The most frequently (≥15% of patients) reported serious AEs for patients treated with glasdegib plus LDAC compared to LDAC alone were febrile neutropenia (29% vs 20%) and pneumonia (21% vs 17%).

About Glasdegib

Glasdegib is an investigational, oral, once-daily therapy that is thought to inhibit the SMO receptor, thereby disrupting the Hedgehog pathway. Abnormal Hedgehog pathway activation is thought to play a role in the development of multiple types of cancers, including solid tumors and hematologic malignancies. It has not received regulatory approval in any country.

The Phase 3 BRIGHT AML 1019 trial (NCT03416179), which is evaluating the addition of glasdegib to intensive or non-intensive chemotherapy in patients with newly diagnosed AML, began enrolling earlier this year.
About Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Acute myeloid leukemia (AML) is the most common type of acute leukemia in adults and accounts for approximately 80 percent of all cases of acute leukemia. An estimated 19,520 people are expected to be diagnosed with AML in the U.S. in 2018. Despite recent advancements, only approximately one in four patients with AML survive longer than five years, and additional treatment options are needed to reduce incidence of disease progression and relapse. This is especially true for patients who are unable to receive intensive chemotherapy and are triaged to other treatments associated with poorer outcomes.

About Pfizer Oncology

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A further description of risks and uncertainties can be found in Pfizer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 and in its subsequent reports on Form 10-Q, including in the sections thereof captioned “Risk Factors” and “Forward-Looking Information and Factors That May Affect Future Results”, as well as in its subsequent reports on Form 8-K, all of which are filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and available at www.sec.gov and www.pfizer.com.


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