



Summary Report of Benefit-Risk Assessment

BRAFTOVI HARD CAPSULE 50MG AND 75MG NEW DRUG APPLICATION

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A INTRODUCTION

Braftovi is indicated in combination with binimetinib for the treatment of adult patients who have unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600E or V600K mutation, as detected by a validated test. It is also indicated in combination with cetuximab for the treatment of adult patients who have metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC) with a BRAF V600E mutation as detected by a validated test, and who have received prior systemic therapy.

The active substance, encorafenib, is an ATP-competitive small molecule RAF kinase inhibitor that inhibits the RAF/MEK/ERK pathway in tumour cells which expresses mutated forms of BRAF kinase such as V600E, V600D and V600K.

Braftovi is available as capsules containing 50 mg or 75 mg of encorafenib. Other ingredients in the capsule are copovidone, poloxamer 188, microcrystalline cellulose, succinic acid, crospovidone, colloidal anhydrous silica and magnesium stearate. Ingredients in the capsule shell include gelatin, titanium dioxide, iron oxide red, iron oxide yellow and iron oxide black, while ingredients in the printing ink include iron oxide black, pharmaceutical glaze (shellac glaze-45% in ethanol, 20% esterified) and propylene glycol.

B ASSESSMENT OF PRODUCT QUALITY

The drug substance, encorafenib, is manufactured by Finorga (Dynamic Synthesis Finorga) / Finorga SAS, Chasse Sur Rhone, France and milled at Jetpharma SA, Balerna, Switzerland. The drug product, Braftovi Hard Capsule 75mg and 50mg, are manufactured at Catalent Pharma Solutions LLC, New Jersey, United States.

Drug substance:

Adequate controls have been presented for the starting materials, intermediates and reagents. The in-process control tests and acceptance criteria applied during the manufacturing of the drug substance are considered appropriate.

The characterisation of the drug substance and its impurities are appropriately performed. Potential and actual impurities are adequately controlled in accordance with ICH Q3A and Q3C guidelines.

The drug substance specifications are established in accordance with ICH Q6A and the impurity limits are considered appropriately qualified. The analytical methods used are adequately described and non-compendial methods have been appropriately validated in accordance with ICH guidelines. Information on the reference standards used for identity, assay and impurities testing is presented.

The packaging is double polyethylene bags placed into metallic drums. The stability data presented was adequate to support the storage of the drug substance at 30°C with a re-test period of 60 months.

Drug product:

The drug product is manufactured using a hot melt extrusion manufacturing process, which includes blending, screening, melt extrusion, milling, encapsulation and polishing.

The manufacturing sites involved are compliant with Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). Proper development and validation studies were conducted. It has been demonstrated that the manufacturing process is reproducible and consistent. Adequate in-process controls are in place.

The specifications are established in accordance with ICH Q6A and impurity limits are considered adequately qualified. The analytical methods used are adequately described and non-compensatory methods have been appropriately validated in accordance with ICH guidelines. Information on the reference standards used for identity, assay and impurities testing is presented.

The container closure system is a polyamide/aluminium/PVC-aluminium blister containing 6 capsules per blister (for 75 mg strength) and 4 capsules per blister (for 50 mg strength). The stability data submitted was adequate to support the shelf-life of 36 months when stored at or below 30°C.

C ASSESSMENT OF CLINICAL EFFICACY

Melanoma

The clinical efficacy of encorafenib in combination with binimetinib for the treatment of adult patients who have unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600E or V600K mutation was based primarily on one pivotal Phase III study COLUMBUS. This was a randomised, open-label, multicentre study of encorafenib + binimetinib versus vemurafenib or encorafenib monotherapy in patients with locally advanced, unresectable or metastatic (Stage IIIB, IIIC, or IV) BRAF V600E or V600K mutant melanoma.

The study had two parts. In Part 1, the patients were randomised equally to receive encorafenib 450 mg once daily + binimetinib 45 mg twice daily (Combo 450), encorafenib monotherapy 300 mg once daily or vemurafenib monotherapy 960 mg twice daily. Vemurafenib was the standard of care at the time of the study conduct for the treatment of patients with locally advanced unresectable or metastatic melanoma with BRAF V600 mutation. Hence, the use of vemurafenib as an active comparator was considered acceptable. In Part 2, designed to assess the contribution of binimetinib when combined to encorafenib, the patients were randomised in a 3:1 ratio to receive encorafenib 300 mg once daily + binimetinib 45 mg twice daily (Combo 300) or encorafenib 300 mg monotherapy once daily. Patients were treated until progressive disease, unacceptable toxicity, withdrawal of consent, death, physician decision or early termination of the study.

The primary endpoint was progression-free survival (PFS), defined as the time from the date of randomisation to the date of the first documented progression based on tumour assessment read centrally by a blinded independent review committee (BIRC) according to RECIST v1.1 criteria, or death due to any cause, whichever occurred first. The secondary endpoints included overall survival (OS), objective response rate (ORR), time to response (TTR) and duration of response (DOR). Tumour assessments were performed every 8 weeks during the first 24 months and every 12 weeks thereafter until progression or end of treatment. The statistical methods employed were appropriate for the endpoints studied. To control for Type I error, a hierarchical testing procedure was applied for the PFS comparisons of Combo 450 vs vemurafenib, Combo 450 vs encorafenib, and Combo 300 vs encorafenib. The secondary

endpoint of OS for Combo 450 vs vemurafenib was to be tested only if the former comparisons were statistically significant.

In Part 1, a total of 577 patients were randomised equally: 192 patients in the Combo 450 group, 194 patients in the encorafenib group and 191 patients in the vemurafenib group. The median age of patients was 56.0 years (range 20 to 89) and 26.2% were aged ≥ 65 years. Slightly more than half (57.9%) of the patients were males. The majority of the patients (90.3%) were Caucasian and 3.3% were Asian; 72.1% of patients had baseline ECOG performance status of 0, 95.5% patients had metastatic (Stage IV) disease and 63.8% were Stage IV M1C. Most patients had BRAF V600E mutation (88.6%) and 10.9% were V600K mutant. A total of 31.9% of patients had received prior systemic antineoplastic regimens and 29.8% had received prior immunotherapy in any disease setting (metastatic and adjuvant), including interferons/interleukins in 26.7% of patients, ipilimumab in 4.2% of patients, and anti-PD1/PDL1 in 0.5%.

In Part 2, a total of 344 patients were randomised in a 3:1 ratio: 258 patients in the Combo 300 group and 86 patients in the encorafenib group. Encorafenib patients from Part 1 (N=194) and Part 2 (N=86) were combined and analysed together in the encorafenib (Parts 1 + 2) group (N=280). In the overall population (N=538), the median age was 56.0 years (range 19 to 94), 56.3% of patients were males, 90.7% were Caucasian, and 5.2% were Asian. The majority of the patients had metastatic disease (96.5%); 17.8% had Stage IV M1B and 65.1% had Stage IV M1C. Most patients had BRAF V600E mutation (88.7%) and 11.0% had V600K mutation; 27.7% of patients had received prior immunotherapy.

Summary of key efficacy results

| Part 1 | Combo 450 (N=192) | Encorafenib (N=194) | Vemurafenib (N=191) |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Primary endpoint | | | |
| PFS per BIRC | | | |
| PFS events, n (%) | 98 (51.0) | 96 (49.5) | 106 (55.5) |
| Median PFS (months) (95% CI) | 14.9 (11.0, 18.5) | 9.6 (7.5, 14.8) | 7.3 (5.6, 8.2) |
| Stratified HR (95% CI) (vs vemurafenib) ^a | 0.54 (0.41, 0.71) | | |
| Stratified p-value ^b | <0.001 | | |
| Stratified HR (95% CI) (vs encorafenib) ^a | | 0.68 (0.52, 0.90) | |
| Nominal p-value ^b | | 0.004 ^c | |
| Stratified HR (95% CI) (vs encorafenib) ^a | 0.75 (0.56, 1.00) | | |
| Stratified p-value ^b | 0.026 | | |
| Secondary endpoints | | | |
| OS | | | |
| OS events, n (%) | 105 (54.7) | 106 (54.6) | 127 (66.5) |
| Median OS (months) (95% CI) | 33.6 (24.4, 39.2) | 23.5 (19.6, 33.6) | 16.9 (14.0, 24.5) |
| Stratified HR (95% CI) (vs vemurafenib) ^a | 0.61 (0.47, 0.79) | | |
| Nominal p-value ^b | <0.0001 ^c | | |
| Stratified HR (95% CI) (vs encorafenib) ^a | 0.81 (0.61, 1.06) | | |
| Nominal p-value ^b | 0.061 ^c | | |
| ORR per BIRC | | | |
| Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI) | 63.0 (55.8, 69.9) | 50.5 (43.3, 57.8) | 40.3 (33.3, 47.6) |
| DOR | | | |
| Median (months) (95% CI) | 16.6 (12.2, 20.4) | 14.9 (11.1, NE) | 12.3 (6.9, 16.9) |

Data cut-off date for PFS, ORR and DOR was 19 May 2016; data cut-off date for OS was 07 Nov 2017.

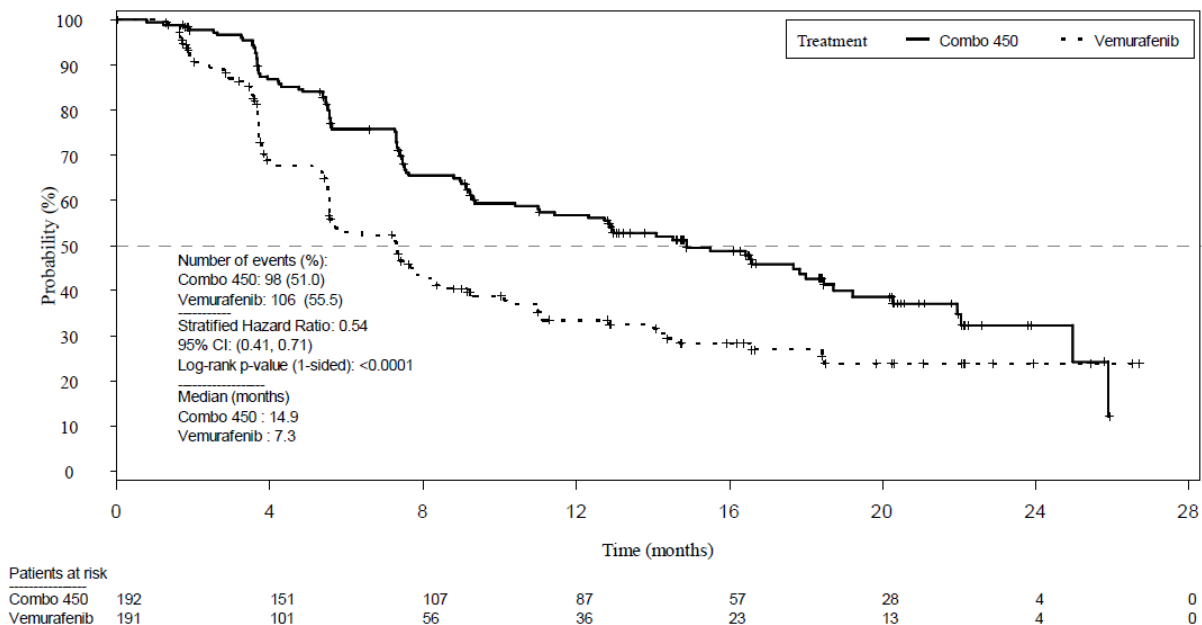
- ^a Hazard ratio based on a stratified Cox proportional hazard model, stratified by AJCC stage and ECOG performance status.
^b One-sided p-value based on log-rank test, stratified by AJCC stage and ECOG performance status.
^c As the comparison of PFS between Combo 450 and encorafenib was not statistically significant, as per the hierarchical testing procedure, statistical testing stopped and nominal p-values are presented for descriptive purpose only.

| Part 2 | Combo 300 (N=258) | Encorafenib (N=280; 194 from Part 1 and 86 from Part 2) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Primary endpoint | | |
| PFS per BIRC | | |
| Median PFS (months) (95% CI) | 12.9 (10.1, 14.0) | 9.2 (7.4, 11.0) |
| Stratified HR (95% CI) ^a | 0.77 (0.61, 0.97) | |
| Nominal p-value ^b | 0.015 | |
| Secondary endpoints | | |
| ORR per BIRC | | |
| Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI) | 65.9 (59.8, 71.7) | 50.4 (44.3, 56.4) |
| DOR | | |
| Median (months) (95% CI) | 12.7 (9.3, 15.1) | 12.9 (8.9, 15.5) |

Data cut-off date was 9 Nov 2016.

- ^a Hazard ratio based on a stratified Cox proportional hazard model, stratified by AJCC stage and ECOG performance status.
^b One-sided p-value based on log-rank test, stratified by AJCC stage and ECOG performance status.
^c As the comparison of PFS between Combo 450 and encorafenib in Part 1 was not statistically significant, as per the hierarchical testing procedure, formal statistical testing stopped and nominal p-values are presented for descriptive purpose only.

In Part 1, the primary analysis of PFS demonstrated a statistically significant improvement for subjects in the Combo 450 group compared to the vemurafenib group (HR 0.54; 95% CI: 0.41, 0.71; p<0.001). The median duration of PFS was 14.9 months in the Combo 450 group compared to 7.3 months in the vemurafenib group, which was a 7.6-month difference. Pre-specified sensitivity analyses of PFS yielded similar results to that of the primary analysis, reflecting the robustness of the PFS benefit.



For the comparison of the Combo 450 group versus the encorafenib group, the difference in PFS was not statistically significant (median 14.9 months versus 9.6 months; HR 0.75; 95% CI: 0.56, 1.00; p=0.026).

As the analysis of PFS for Combo 450 versus encorafenib was not statistically significant, per protocol-specified testing hierarchy, the data in the OS analysis are summarised descriptively without formal testing. The median OS was 33.6 months in the Combo 450 group and 16.9 months in the vemurafenib group (HR 0.61; 95% CI: 0.47, 0.79; nominal $p < 0.0001$). The median OS was 33.6 months in the Combo 450 group and 23.5 months in the encorafenib group (HR 0.81; 95% CI: 0.61, 1.06; nominal $p = 0.061$). The median DOR was numerically longer in the Combo 450 group (16.6 months) compared to the encorafenib (14.9 months) or vemurafenib group (12.3 months). The median TTR was similar in the Combo 450 group (1.9 months) compared to encorafenib (2.0 months) or vemurafenib group (2.1 months). The ORR (63.0%) and CR rates (7.8%) were numerically higher in the Combo 450 group compared to either monotherapy group (ORR range: 40% to 51%; CR range: 5.2% to 5.8%).

In Part 2, the median PFS was 12.9 months in the Combo 300 group and 9.2 months in the encorafenib group (HR 0.77; 95% CI: 0.61, 0.97; nominal $p = 0.015$). The ORR was numerically higher in the Combo 300 group compared to the encorafenib group (65.9% versus 50.4%). However, the median DOR was similar between the Combo 300 and encorafenib groups (12.7 months versus 12.9 months).

Overall, efficacy of the combination of encorafenib and binimetinib in the treatment of unresectable or metastatic melanoma patients with a BRAF V600E or V600K mutation was adequately demonstrated in terms of clinically relevant improvements in PFS, OS, ORR and DOR compared to vemurafenib. The results of Part 1 and Part 2 of the study demonstrated the incremental benefit of adding binimetinib to encorafenib as Combo 300 performed numerically better in terms of PFS and ORR compared to encorafenib monotherapy. In addition, although the ORR were similar between Combo 450 and Combo 300, the Combo 450 group resulted in numerically longer PFS and DOR compared to Combo 300 indicating that better responses were obtained with the higher dose of encorafenib.

Colorectal cancer

The clinical efficacy of encorafenib in combination with cetuximab in the treatment of adult patients who had metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC) with a BRAF V600E mutation was based on one pivotal Phase III study BEACON. This was a multicentre, randomised, open-label, 3-arm study of encorafenib + cetuximab \pm binimetinib versus investigator's choice of irinotecan + cetuximab or 5-fluorouracil/folinic acid/irinotecan (FOLFIRI) + cetuximab in patients with BRAF V600E-mutant mCRC whose disease had progressed after 1 or 2 prior regimens in the metastatic setting.

The patients were randomised equally into the triplet arm (encorafenib 300 mg QD + binimetinib 45 mg BID + cetuximab [400 mg/m² followed by 250 mg/m² IV QW]), doublet arm (encorafenib 300 mg QD + cetuximab [400 mg/m² followed by 250 mg/m² IV QW]) or the control arm (irinotecan + cetuximab or FOLFIRI + cetuximab). Although the study investigated the triplet therapy of encorafenib + binimetinib + cetuximab, the requested dosing regimen is for the doublet therapy of encorafenib + binimetinib only. Treatment continued until disease progression, unacceptable toxicity, withdrawal of consent, initiation of subsequent anticancer therapy, death or discontinuation from study treatment for any other reason.

The primary endpoints were overall survival (OS) of the triplet arm versus the control arm and objective response rate (ORR) by blinded independent central review (BICR) per RECIST v1.1 of the triplet versus the control arm. The key secondary endpoint was OS of the doublet arm versus the control arm. The other secondary endpoints included OS (triplet vs doublet arm), ORR per BICR (doublet arm versus control arm and triplet arm versus doublet arm), as well

as ORR per investigator, progression-free survival (PFS), duration of response (DOR) and time to response (TTR). Tumour assessments were performed every 6 weeks during the first 24 weeks and every 12 weeks thereafter until progression or end of treatment. The overall type I error rate was controlled using a gatekeeping procedure with hierarchical testing.

A total of 665 patients with BRAF V600E-mutant mCRC who had progressed on 1 or 2 prior metastatic regimens were randomised equally into one of the three treatment arms: 224 patients in the triplet arm, 220 patients in the doublet arm and 221 patients in the control arm. The demographics and baseline characteristics were balanced across the arms. There were slightly more females (52.8%) than males. The majority of the patients were White (82.7%) and 12.6% were Asian. The median age of the patients was 61 years (range 26 to 91) and 35.8% were aged ≥ 65 years. The majority of the patients (92.5%) had BRAF V600E mutation. A total of 65.7% of the patients had one, 34.0% of the patients had two, and a limited number of patients (0.3%) had more than two prior lines of therapy for metastatic disease. Approximately half of the patients (52.2%) had prior treatment with irinotecan and 91.7% had prior treatment with oxaliplatin.

Summary of key efficacy results (data cut-off date 11 Feb 2019)

| | Control (N=221) | Doublet therapy (N=220) | Triplet therapy (N=224) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Primary endpoint | | | |
| OS | | | |
| OS events, n (%) | 114 (51.6) | 93 (42.1) | 90 (40.2) |
| Median OS (months) (95% CI) | 5.4 (4.8, 6.6) | 8.4 (7.5, 11.0) | 9.0 (8.0, 11.4) |
| Stratified HR (95% CI) (vs control) ^a | | 0.60 (0.45, 0.79) | 0.52 (0.39, 0.70) |
| Stratified log-rank (one-sided) p-value ^a | | 0.0002 | <0.0001 |
| Stratified log-rank (one-sided) p-value (vs doublet therapy) | | | 0.0582 |
| ORR per BICR | | | |
| Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI) | 1.9 (0.2, 6.6) | 20.4 (13.4, 29.0) | 26.1 (18.2, 35.3) |
| Stratified (one-sided) p-value ^a | | <0.0001 | <0.0001 |
| Secondary endpoints | | | |
| PFS | | | |
| PFS events, n (%) | 128 (57.9) | 133 (60.5) | 118 (52.7) |
| Median PFS (months) (95% CI) | 1.5 (1.5, 1.7) | 4.2 (3.7, 5.4) | 4.3 (4.1, 5.2) |
| Stratified HR (95% CI) (vs control) ^a | | 0.40 (0.31, 0.52) | 0.38 (0.29, 0.49) |
| Stratified log-rank (one-sided) p-value ^a | | <0.0001 | <0.0001 |
| DOR | | | |
| Median DOR (months) (95% CI) | NR (2.6, NR) ^b | 6.1 (4.1, 8.3) | 4.8 (3.0, 9.7) |

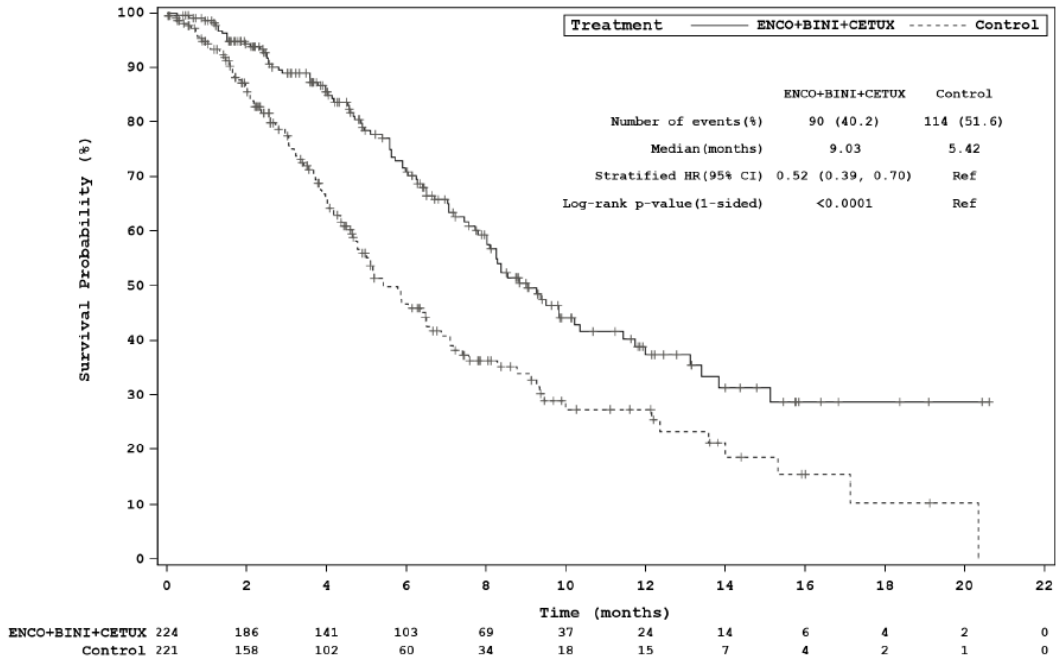
^a Stratified by ECOG performance status, source of cetuximab, and prior irinotecan use at randomisation.

^b Of the 2 patients in the control arm with confirmed responses, 1 patient had a DOR of 2.6 months; the other patient's DOR was 6.9 months.

The primary analyses showed that the doublet (HR 0.60; 95% CI: 0.45, 0.79; p=0.0002) and triplet therapies (HR 0.52; 95% CI: 0.39, 0.70; p<0.0001) resulted in a statistically significantly longer median OS compared to the control arm. However, there was no significant difference between the doublet and triplet therapies (p=0.0582). Both doublet and triplet therapies also

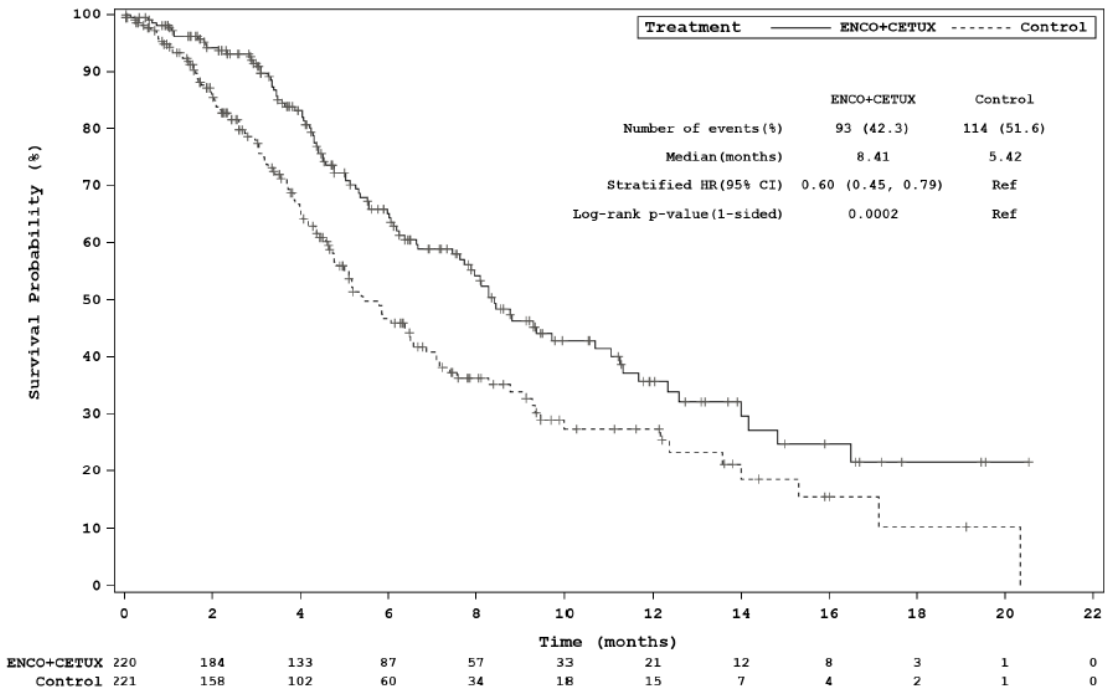
resulted in higher ORR compared to the control arm (20.4% and 26.1% versus 1.9%, respectively).

Kaplan-Meier Plot of OS, Triplet Arm vs. Control Arm



Abbreviations: BINI = binimetinib; CETUX = cetuximab; CI = confidence interval; ENCO = encorafenib; HR = hazard ratio; OS = overall survival; Ref = reference; vs. = versus + indicates censoring.

Kaplan-Meier Plot of OS, Doublet Arm vs. Control Arm



Abbreviations: CETUX = cetuximab; CI = confidence interval; ENCO = encorafenib; HR = hazard ratio; OS = overall survival; Ref = reference; vs. = versus + indicates censoring.

In terms of secondary endpoints, the median DOR was the longest in the doublet arm (5.6 months) while the median DOR was 4.4 months in the triplet arm. Of the 2 patients in the control arm with confirmed responses, 1 patient had a DOR of 2.6 months and other patient had a DOR of 6.9 months. The TTR was similar across arms. The median PFS was also statistically significantly longer in the doublet (HR 0.40; 95% CI: 0.31, 0.52; p<0.0001) and triplet (HR 0.28; 95% CI: 0.29, 0.49; p<0.0001) arms compared to the control arm. However, the median PFS was similar between the doublet and triplet arms (4.2 months and 4.3 months, respectively).

An updated efficacy analysis (based on a data cut-off date of 15 Aug 2019) was conducted approximately 6 months after the first data cut-off. The updated efficacy results (summarised in the table below) were consistent with the primary analyses.

Summary of updated efficacy results (data cut-off date 15 Aug 2019)

| | Control (N=221) | Doublet therapy (N=220) | Triplet therapy (N=224) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Primary endpoint | | | |
| OS | | | |
| OS events, n (%) | 157 (71.0) | 128 (58.2) | 137 (61.2) |
| Median OS (months) (95% CI) | 5.9 (5.1, 7.1) | 9.3 (8.1, 11.3) | 9.3 (8.3, 10.8) |
| Stratified HR (95% CI) (vs control) ^a | | 0.61 (0.48, 0.77) | 0.60 (0.47, 0.75) |
| Stratified log-rank (one-sided) p-value ^a | | <0.0001 | <0.0001 |
| Stratified log-rank (one-sided) p-value (vs doublet therapy) | | | 0.3288 |
| ORR per BICR | | | |
| Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI) | 1.8 (0.5, 4.6) | 19.5 (14.5, 25.4) | 26.8 (21.1, 33.1) |
| Stratified (one-sided) p-value ^a | | <0.0001 | <0.0001 |
| Secondary endpoints | | | |
| PFS | | | |
| PFS events, n (%) | 147 (66.5) | 167 (75.9) | 157 (70.1) |
| Median PFS (months) (95% CI) | 1.5 (1.5, 1.9) | 4.3 (4.1, 5.5) | 4.5 (4.2, 5.5) |
| Stratified HR (95% CI) (vs control) ^a | | 0.44 (0.35, 0.55) | 0.42 (0.33, 0.53) |
| Stratified log-rank (one-sided) p-value ^a | | <0.0001 | <0.0001 |
| DOR | | | |
| Median DOR (months) (95% CI) | 5.6 (2.6, NR) | 5.6 (4.1, 8.3) | 4.4 (3.8, 7.3) |

^a Stratified by ECOG performance status, source of cetuximab, and prior irinotecan use at randomisation.

Overall, the efficacy of the combination of encorafenib and cetuximab in the treatment of adult patients with mCRC with a BRAF V600E mutation, and who have received prior systemic therapy was adequately demonstrated in terms of clinically relevant improvements in OS, ORR, PFS and DOR compared to the control group (irinotecan/cetuximab or FOLFIRI/cetuximab). The results indicated that there was no incremental benefit with the use of the triplet therapy compared to the doublet therapy, suggesting that binimetinib does not contribute to the effect of the triplet therapy.

D ASSESSMENT OF CLINICAL SAFETY

Melanoma

The safety data of the combination of encorafenib and binimetinib was derived primarily from the pivotal Phase III study COLUMBUS, in which a total of 570 patients with unresectable or metastatic BRAF V600 mutant melanoma were treated: 192 patients in the Combo 450 group (encorafenib 450 mg once daily + binimetinib 45 mg twice daily), 192 patients in the encorafenib 300 mg once daily group, and 186 patients in the vemurafenib 960 mg twice daily group.

In addition, the proposed combination of encorafenib + binimetinib was evaluated in a total of 274 patients with unresectable or metastatic BRAF V600 mutant melanoma pooled across three clinical studies (Pooled Combo 450). These included 192 patients from Study COLUMBUS (Part 1), 75 patients from Study CLGX818X2109 (Group A) and 7 patients from Study CMEK162X2110. The median duration of exposure was 50.6 weeks in the pooled Combo 450 group.

In COLUMBUS Part 1, the median duration of encorafenib + binimetinib exposure was longer in the Combo 450 arm compared to the vemurafenib arm (51.2 weeks vs 26.3 weeks) and a higher proportion of patients in the Combo 450 arm were exposed to treatment for ≥ 48 weeks (52.6% vs 25.3%). Approximately half of the patients (49.3%) received study treatment during at least 12 months in the Combo 450 arm, versus 38.5% in the encorafenib arm and 22.6% in the vemurafenib arm.

Duration of exposure to study treatment

| | Pooled Combo 450 (N=274) | Study COLUMBUS Part 1 | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | Combo 450 (N=192) | Encorafenib (N=192) | Vemurafenib (N=186) |
| Median (weeks) | 50.64 | 51.21 | 31.36 | 26.29 |
| Exposure ≥ 48 weeks (n, %) | 142 (51.8) | 101 (52.6) | 75 (39.1) | 47 (25.3) |

Overview of safety profile

| AE | Pooled Combo 450 (N=274) | Study COLUMBUS Part 1 | | |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | Combo 450 (N=192) | Encorafenib (N=192) | Vemurafenib (N=186) |
| Any AE | 271 (98.9%) | 189 (98.4%) | 191 (99.5%) | 186 (100.0%) |
| Treatment-related AE | 249 (90.9%) | 171 (89.1%) | 191 (99.5%) | 181 (97.3%) |
| Grade 3/4 AE | 168 (61.3%) | 115 (59.9%) | 128 (66.7%) | 118 (63.4%) |
| Treatment-related Grade 3/4 AE | 95 (34.7%) | 70 (36.5%) | 96 (50.0%) | 85 (45.7%) |
| SAE | 110 (40.1%) | 69 (35.9%) | 67 (34.9%) | 71 (38.2%) |
| Treatment-related SAE | 31 (11.3%) | 22 (11.5%) | 33 (17.2%) | 25 (13.4%) |
| AE leading to treatment discontinuation | 32 (11.7%) | 28 (14.6%) | 29 (15.1%) | 30 (16.1%) |
| On-treatment deaths | 28 (10.2%) | 19 (9.9%) | 15 (7.8%) | 19 (10.2%) |

In COLUMBUS Part 1, the most frequently reported AEs ($\geq 20\%$ of patients) in the Combo 450 group were nausea (43.2%), diarrhoea (37.0%), vomiting (30.2%), fatigue (29.2%), arthralgia (26.6%), blood creatine phosphokinase (CK) increased (22.9%), headache (22.9%), constipation (22.4%), and asthenia (20.3%). In the encorafenib group, the most frequently reported AEs included alopecia (56.3%), palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia (PPE) syndrome (51.0%), arthralgia (43.8%), hyperkeratosis (38.5%), nausea (38.5%), dry skin (30.2%), myalgia (28.6%), vomiting (28.1%), headache (27.6%), palmoplantar keratoderma (26.0%),

fatigue (25.0%), pain in extremity (22.4%), pruritus (21.9%), asthenia (20.8%), decreased appetite (20.8%), and rash (20.8%). In the vemurafenib group, the most frequent AEs included arthralgia (44.6%), alopecia (36.6%), nausea (34.9%), diarrhoea (34.4%), fatigue (30.6%), rash (29.0%), hyperkeratosis (29.0%), pyrexia (28.0%), photosensitivity reaction (24.7%), keratosis pilaris (23.1%), and dry skin (22.6%).

The AEs reported at a higher incidence in the Combo 450 group than in the encorafenib group ($\geq 10\%$ difference) included blood CK increased (22.9% vs 1.0%), diarrhoea (37.0% vs 13.5%), and vision blurred (16.1% vs 2.1%). The AEs reported at a higher incidence in the Combo 450 group than in the vemurafenib group were vomiting (30.2% vs 15.6%), blood CK increased (22.9% vs 2.2%), constipation (22.4% vs 6.5%), abdominal pain (17.2% vs 7.0%), vision blurred (16.1% vs 2.2%), and dizziness (14.1% vs 2.7%).

The incidence of serious AEs (SAEs) was similar in the different groups: 35.9%, 34.9% and 38.2% of patients in the Combo 450, encorafenib and vemurafenib groups, respectively. The most frequently reported SAEs ($\geq 2\%$) in the Combo 450 arm included nausea (1.0% in Combo 450 group, 3.1% in encorafenib group and none in vemurafenib group), pneumonia (1.6% in Combo 450 group and none in encorafenib and vemurafenib groups), and pyrexia (3.1% in Combo 450 group, 1.6% in encorafenib group and 1.1% in vemurafenib group). SAEs with a suspected relationship to study drug as assessed by the investigator were reported at a lower incidence in the Combo 450 group (11.5%) than the encorafenib (17.2%) or vemurafenib groups (13.4%).

The incidence of AEs leading to treatment discontinuation was 14.6% in the Combo 450 group, 15.1% in the encorafenib group and 16.1% in the vemurafenib group. The AEs leading to study drug discontinuation in the Combo 450 arm included increased ALT and AST (2.6% in Combo 450 group, none in encorafenib group and 1.1% in vemurafenib group).

The incidence of on-treatment deaths was 9.9% in the Combo 450 group, 7.8% in the encorafenib group and 10.2% in the vemurafenib group. The causes of death in the Combo 450 arm included malignant melanoma (6.3%), cerebral haemorrhage, completed suicide, euthanasia, metastases to central nervous system, and multiple organ dysfunction syndrome (0.5% each). However, none of the deaths were considered to be related to the study drugs by the investigator.

The most frequently reported AEs of special interest (AESI, $>20\%$) in the Combo 450 arm were retinopathy excluding retinal vein occlusion (48.4%), rash (26.0%), liver function test (LFT) abnormalities (25.0%) and muscle enzyme/ protein changes (22.9%). The AEs of special interest have been adequately described as warnings and precautions in the proposed package insert.

Most frequently reported AESIs ($>20\%$)

| AESI | Pooled Combo 450 (N=274) | Study COLUMBUS Part 1 | | |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | Combo 450 (N=192) | Encorafenib (N=192) | Vemurafenib (N=186) |
| LFT abnormalities | 69 (25.2%) | 48 (25.0%) | 28 (14.6%) | 39 (21.0%) |
| Rash | 65 (23.7%) | 50 (26.0%) | 95 (49.5%) | 111 (59.7) |
| Retinopathy excluding retinal vein occlusion | 144 (52.6%) | 93 (48.4%) | 26 (13.5%) | 23 (12.4%) |
| Muscle enzyme/protein changes | 74 (27.0%) | 44 (22.9%) | 3 (1.6%) | 4 (2.2%) |

Overall, the safety profile of binimetinib in combination with encorafenib was considered acceptable and manageable, and was consistent with that documented for MEK and BRAF inhibitors.

Colorectal cancer

The safety profile of the proposed doublet therapy of encorafenib in combination with cetuximab was evaluated in the Phase III study BEACON, in which a total of 631 patients with BRAF V600E mutant mCRC were treated with the triplet therapy of encorafenib + binimetinib + cetuximab (N=222), doublet therapy of encorafenib + cetuximab (N=216) or the control comprising irinotecan + cetuximab or FOLFIRI + cetuximab (N=193).

The median duration of exposure to study treatment was 19.3 weeks in the doublet arm, 21.0 weeks in the triplet arm and 7.0 weeks in the control arm. Within the doublet arm, the median duration of exposure to each component was similar (encorafenib [19.1 weeks], cetuximab [19.0 weeks]). Within the triplet arm, the median duration of exposure to each component was also similar (encorafenib [20.7 weeks], binimetinib [20.4 weeks], cetuximab [20.8 weeks]). Almost half of the patients in the doublet and triplet arms (43.5% and 43.1%, respectively) received ≥ 24 weeks of study treatment, while a small percentage of patients in the control arm (12.5%) received ≥ 24 weeks of study treatment.

Overview of safety profile

| AE | Triplet (N=222) | Doublet (N=216) | Control (N=193) |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Any AE | 220 (99.1%) | 212 (98.1%) | 190 (98.4%) |
| Grade ≥ 3 AE | 146 (65.8%) | 124 (57.4%) | 124 (64.2%) |
| Treatment-related AE | 214 (96.4%) | 196 (90.7%) | 178 (92.2%) |
| SAE | 110 (49.5%) | 86 (39.8%) | 77 (39.9%) |
| Grade ≥ 3 SAE | 97 (43.7%) | 74 (34.3%) | 67 (34.7%) |
| Treatment-related SAE | 40 (18.0%) | 21 (9.7%) | 25 (13.0%) |
| AE leading to treatment discontinuation | 21 (9.5%) | 20 (9.3%) | 21 (10.9%) |
| On-treatment deaths | 30 (13.5%) | 38 (17.6%) | 29 (15.0%) |

The most common AEs ($\geq 25\%$) occurring in patients treated with the doublet therapy (incidences vs control) were diarrhoea (38.4% vs 48.7%), nausea (38.0% vs 43.5%), fatigue (33.3% vs 28.0%), decreased appetite (31.0% vs 29.0%), dermatitis acneiform (30.1% vs 39.9%), abdominal pain (27.8% vs 28.0%), and vomiting (27.3% vs 31.6%). The AEs reported at a higher incidence in the doublet therapy arm than in the control arm ($\geq 10\%$ difference) included arthralgia (22.7% vs 1.6%), headache (19.9% vs 2.6%), melanocytic naevus (15.7% vs 0.0%), myalgia (15.3% vs 2.1%), musculoskeletal pain (13.4% vs 2.6%), and pain in extremity (11.6% vs 1.0%). The most common treatment-related AEs ($\geq 20\%$) occurring in patients treated with the doublet therapy were diarrhoea (20.8% vs 44.6%), dermatitis acneiform (28.2% vs 39.4%), nausea (22.2% vs 37.3%), and fatigue (24.1% vs 22.3%).

The overall incidence of SAEs was higher in the triplet arm (49.5%) than in the doublet (39.8%) and control arms (39.9%). The most frequently reported SAEs ($\geq 2\%$) in patients treated with the doublet therapy (incidences vs control) were intestinal obstruction (5.1% vs 3.6%), abdominal pain (2.3% vs 2.1%), urinary tract infection (2.3% vs 0.5%), and cancer pain (2.3% vs 0.5%). SAEs with a suspected relationship to study drug as assessed by the investigator were reported at a lower incidence in the doublet (9.7%) than the triplet (18.0%) or control arm (13.0%).

The percentage of patients who discontinued all study treatments due to an AE was 9.5% in the triplet arm, 9.3% in the doublet arm and 10.9% in the control arm. The AEs leading to study drug discontinuation in the doublet arm (incidences vs control) included infusion-related reaction (0.9% vs 1.0%) and intestinal obstruction (0.9% vs 0.5%).

The incidence of on-treatment death was 17.6% in the doublet arm, 13.5% in the triplet arm and 15.0% in the control arm. The exposure-adjusted incidence rates of on-treatment deaths were similar across arms (0.64 vs 0.79 vs 1.71, respectively), with most deaths due to progression of malignant disease (62.5%, 43.5% and 57.7%, respectively). The causes of death in the doublet arm (incidences vs control) included aspiration (0.9% vs 0%), large intestine perforation (0.5% vs 0%), gastrointestinal haemorrhage (0.5% vs 0%), cardio-respiratory arrest (0.5% vs 0.5%) and sepsis (0.5% vs 0%). None of the deaths were considered to be related to the study drugs by the investigator.

The most frequently reported AESIs (>10%) in the doublet arm were rash (32.9%), haemorrhage (22.2%), myopathy (16.7%), and LFT abnormalities (13.0%). These AEs have been adequately described in the warnings and precautions section in the proposed package insert.

Most frequently reported AESIs (>10%)

| AESI | Triplet (N=222) | Doublet (N=216) | Control (N=193) |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Rash | 84 (37.8%) | 71 (32.9%) | 57 (29.5%) |
| Haemorrhage | 58 (26.1%) | 48 (22.2%) | 19 (9.8%) |
| Myopathy | 25 (11.3%) | 36 (16.7%) | 5 (2.6%) |
| LFT abnormalities | 30 (13.5%) | 28 (13.0%) | 23 (11.9%) |

Overall, the safety profile of encorafenib in combination with cetuximab in mCRC was comparable to the control arm and considered acceptable for highly targeted therapy in the second setting. The tolerability profile of the doublet regimen was shown to be more favourable compared to the triplet regimen in terms of lower incidences of treatment-related AEs, SAEs and Grade ≥3 AEs.

E ASSESSMENT OF BENEFIT-RISK PROFILE

Melanoma

The current treatment options for metastatic melanoma include immune checkpoint inhibitors, kinase inhibitors and BRAF inhibitors. However, about 10–20% of cases remain fatal. Therefore, there is a need for therapies with improved survival.

Part 1 of study COLUMBUS demonstrated a clinically meaningful and statistically significantly longer median PFS in the Combo 450 group compared to the vemurafenib group (14.9 months versus 7.3 months; HR 0.54; 95% CI: 0.41, 0.71; p<0.001).

The primary endpoint results were supported by the secondary endpoints, whereby the median PFS was numerically longer in the Combo 450 group compared to the encorafenib group (14.9 months versus 9.6 months; HR 0.75; 95% CI: 0.56, 1.00; p=0.026). In addition, the median OS was numerically longer in the Combo 450 group compared to the monotherapy groups (33.6 months in the Combo 450 group versus 23.5 months in the encorafenib group and 16.9 months in the vemurafenib group). The median TTR was similar between groups at about 2 months.

The ORR was numerically higher in the Combo 450 group compared to the vemurafenib and encorafenib groups (63% versus 40% to 51%). The median DOR was also numerically longer in the Combo 450 group compared to the monotherapy groups (16.6 months versus 12.3 to 14.9 months).

Part 2 of the study demonstrated a numerically longer median PFS in the Combo 300 group compared to the encorafenib group (12.9 months versus 9.2 months; HR 0.77; 95% CI: 0.61, 0.97; nominal $p=0.015$). With regard to the secondary endpoints, the ORR was numerically higher in the Combo 300 group compared to the encorafenib group (65.9% versus 50.4%). The median DOR was similar between the Combo 300 and encorafenib groups (12.7 months versus 12.9 months).

Overall, the results of the study demonstrated the incremental benefit of adding binimetinib to encorafenib based on the observation of improved efficacy for Combo 300 compared to encorafenib monotherapy. In addition, Combo 450 performed numerically better compared to Combo 300 supporting the use of the higher dose of encorafenib.

The combination treatment was associated with more AEs than monotherapy, however, this was not unexpected due to the presence of more drugs. The most common AEs with Combo 450 were nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, fatigue, arthralgia, blood CK increased, constipation, headache and asthenia. The incidences of SAEs, discontinuation due to AEs and deaths were comparable between the Combo 450 and monotherapy groups. In addition, none of the deaths were considered to be related to the study drugs by the investigators.

Overall, the benefit-risk profile of encorafenib in combination with binimetinib for the treatment of adult patients who have unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600E or V600K mutation was considered to be favourable as efficacy was demonstrated and the safety profile was manageable and consistent with what is known for the MEK and BRAF inhibitor classes of drugs.

Colorectal cancer

BRAF V600 mutant CRC is a distinct subtype of CRC that has unique clinical characteristics and is associated with a poor prognosis and a negative impact on both OS and PFS. The current available therapies for patients with BRAF V600E mutant mCRC who have failed one prior line of treatment are minimally active with dismal OS, hence there is a need for treatment choices with improved efficacy.

The pivotal Phase III study (BEACON) showed that the doublet therapy with encorafenib + cetuximab (HR 0.60; 95% CI: 0.45, 0.79; $p=0.0002$) and triplet therapy with encorafenib + binimetinib + cetuximab (HR 0.52; 95% CI: 0.39, 0.70; $p<0.0001$) resulted in statistically significantly longer median OS compared to the control arm (irinotecan + cetuximab or FOLFIRI + cetuximab) (median 8.4 and 9.0 months versus 5.4 months, respectively).

The ORR was also higher in the doublet (20.4%; 95% CI: 13.4, 29.0) and triplet therapy (26.1%; 95% CI: 18.2, 35.3) arms compared to the control arm (1.9%; 95% CI: 0.2, 6.6) ($p<0.0001$ for both comparisons). The median DOR was 6.1 months in the doublet arm and 4.8 months in the triplet arm. Of the 2 patients in the control arm with confirmed responses, 1 patient had a DOR of 2.6 months and other patient had a DOR of 6.9 months. The median PFS was statistically significantly longer in the doublet (HR 0.40; 95% CI: 0.31, 0.52; $p<0.0001$) and triplet arms (HR 0.38; 95% CI: 0.29, 0.49; $p<0.0001$) compared to the control arm (median 4.2 and 4.3 months versus 1.5 months, respectively).

There was no significant difference in OS between the doublet and triplet therapies (p=0.0582). Although the triplet therapy resulted in a numerically higher ORR compared to the doublet therapy arm (26.1% versus 20.4%), it did not translate into better median OS. The median PFS was also similar between the doublet and triplet therapy arms (4.2 months and 4.3 months, respectively). Taken together, the results indicated that there was no incremental benefit with the use of the triplet compared to doublet therapy.

The most common AEs reported with the doublet therapy included diarrhoea, nausea, fatigue, decreased appetite, dermatitis acneiform, abdominal pain, and vomiting. The doublet and triplet combinations were associated with more AEs than the control arm, however, this was not unexpected due to the presence of more drugs. The incidences of treatment-related AEs, SAEs and Grade ≥ 3 AEs were also higher in the triplet arm compared to the doublet arm.

Given that the triplet therapy did not demonstrate incremental benefit compared to the doublet therapy and resulted in more AEs, the use of the triplet therapy was not warranted. Only the doublet therapy dosing regimen was requested in this application, which was considered appropriate. Overall, the benefit-risk profile of encorafenib, in combination with cetuximab, for the treatment of adult patients who have mCRC with a BRAF V600E mutation, and who have received prior systemic therapy, was considered to be favourable as efficacy and safety had been adequately demonstrated.

F CONCLUSION

Based on the review of quality, safety and efficacy data, the benefit-risk balance of Braftovi in combination with binimetinib for the treatment of adult patients who have unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600E or V600K mutation, or in combination with cetuximab for the treatment of adult patients who have mCRC with a BRAF V600E mutation who have received prior systemic therapy, was deemed favourable and approval of product registration was granted on 19 July 2023.

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