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Janssen Seeks Approval of IMBRUVICA®(ibrutinib) in a Fixed-Duration Regimen for Patients with Untreated Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (CLL)

Application based on Phase 3 GLOW and Phase 2 CAPTIVATE study results, which investigated the safety and efficacy of an all-oral fixed-duration ibrutinib plus venetoclax combination regimen in adult patients with previously untreated CLL^{1,2}

BEERSE, BELGIUM, 30 November 2021 – The Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson today announced the submission of a Type II variation application to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) seeking approval of a new treatment option for IMBRUVICA® (ibrutinib) as a fixed-duration combination with venetoclax (I+V) for adult patients with previously untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL).

"Ibrutinib was the first approved Bruton's tyrosine kinase inhibitor and over the past seven years has become a key treatment for CLL and some other B-cell malignancies, treating more than 250,000 patients globally," said Edmond Chan MBChB MD (Res), EMEA Therapeutic Area Lead Haematology, Janssen-Cilag Ltd. "This latest submission is a testament to our unwavering commitment to meeting patient needs and a noteworthy step towards an innovative, non-chemotherapy treatment regimen in the first-line setting that will allow healthcare professionals the flexibility to use ibrutinib either in a fixed-duration combination treatment regimen or as continuous therapy, depending on patient needs."

The submission is supported by positive data from the pivotal Phase 3 GLOW study ([NCT03462719](#)) which investigated the efficacy and safety of first-line fixed-duration I+V versus chlorambucil plus obinutuzumab in elderly or unfit patients with CLL,¹ and the Phase 2 CAPTIVATE study ([PCYC-1142](#)) which evaluated I+V in previously untreated CLL patients

70 years or younger, including patients with high-risk disease.² Data from both studies were recently featured as [oral presentations](#) at the European Hematology Association (EHA) 2021 Congress (Abstract numbers [#LB1902](#) and [#S147](#)) in June.

“Ibrutinib and venetoclax have demonstrated positive outcomes when used together for a fixed duration of treatment and this milestone highlights our commitment to developing more convenient treatment regimens for people living with complex blood cancers, such as CLL,” said Craig Tendler, M.D., Global Head of Late Development, Diagnostics & Medical Affairs, Hematology & Oncology, Janssen Research & Development, LLC. “We now look forward to working in partnership with health authorities to bring this promising treatment option to patients who may benefit from it as soon as possible.”

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About Ibrutinib

Ibrutinib is a once-daily oral medication that is jointly developed and commercialised by Janssen Biotech, Inc. and Pharmacyclics LLC, an AbbVie company.³ Ibrutinib blocks the Bruton's tyrosine kinase (BTK) protein, which is needed by normal and abnormal B cells, including specific cancer cells, to multiply and spread.⁴ By blocking BTK, ibrutinib may help move abnormal B cells out of their nourishing environments and inhibits their proliferation.⁵

Ibrutinib is approved in more than 100 countries and has been used to treat more than 250,000 patients worldwide.⁶ There are more than 50 company-sponsored clinical trials, including 18 Phase 3 studies, over 11 years evaluating the efficacy and safety of ibrutinib.^{3,7}

Ibrutinib was first approved by the European Commission (EC) in 2014, and approved indications to date include:³

- Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL): As a single agent or in combination with rituximab or obinutuzumab for the treatment of adult patients with previously untreated CLL, and as a single agent or in combination with bendamustine and rituximab (BR) for the treatment of adult patients with CLL who have received at least one prior therapy.
- Mantle cell lymphoma (MCL): As a single agent for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory MCL.
- Waldenström's macroglobulinemia (WM): As a single agent for the treatment of adult patients who have received at least one prior therapy or in first-line treatment for

patients unsuitable for chemo-immunotherapy, and in combination with rituximab for the treatment of adult patients.

For a full list of side effects and information on dosage and administration, contraindications and other precautions when using ibrutinib please refer to the [Summary of Product Characteristics](#) for further information.

About Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia

Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) is typically a slow-growing blood cancer of the white blood cells.⁸ The overall incidence of CLL in Europe is approximately 4.92 cases per 100,000 persons per year and is about 1.5 times more common in men than in women.⁹ CLL is predominantly a disease of the elderly, with a median age of 72 years at diagnosis.¹⁰

While patient outcomes have dramatically improved in the last few decades, the disease is still characterised by consecutive episodes of disease progression and the need for therapy.¹¹ Patients are often prescribed multiple lines of therapy as they relapse or become resistant to treatments.

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