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## Late-breaking results from PALOMA-2 study of subcutaneous RYBREVANT®▼ (amivantamab) in combination with lazertinib show clinically meaningful antitumour response and improved safety profile in patients with EGFR-mutated non-small cell lung cancer

*Significantly lower infusion-related reactions seen with subcutaneous amivantamab compared with intravenous administration in new Phase 2 data<sup>1</sup>*

**BEERSE, BELGIUM (3 June 2024)** – Janssen-Cilag International NV, a Johnson & Johnson company, announced today new data from the Phase 2 PALOMA-2 study evaluating subcutaneous (SC) amivantamab combined with lazertinib as a first-line treatment in patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletion (ex19del) or L858R mutations.<sup>1</sup> These data, which were featured in a late-breaking poster presentation at the 2024 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting (Abstract #LBA8612) taking place in Chicago, Illinois from 31 May - 4 June 2024, showed a comparable response rate in patients treated with SC amivantamab and lazertinib compared to those treated with the intravenous (IV) formulation in the MARIPOSA study.<sup>1</sup> SC amivantamab was associated with significantly lower rates of infusion-related reactions (IRRs, 15 percent all-grades compared to 63 percent), and shorter administration time compared with the IV formulation.<sup>1</sup>

“These encouraging data show similar response rates in patients treated with the subcutaneous administration of amivantamab compared with the IV formulation,” said Professor Nicolas Girard, Head of Medical Oncology, Institut Curie, and Professor of Thoracic Oncology and Respiratory Medicine at the Paris Saclay University, France, and study author.\* “With favourable tolerability based on fewer infusion-related reactions, this formulation has the potential to address a current unmet need in the treatment of EGFR-mutant lung cancer.”

In the PALOMA-2 study, Cohorts 1 and 6 enrolled patients with treatment-naïve, EGFR ex19del or L858R-mutated advanced NSCLC, a patient population similar to the MARIPOSA study population.<sup>1</sup> In Cohort 1 prophylactic anticoagulation use was recommended, and in Cohort 6 it was required.<sup>1</sup> As of 6 January, 2024, 68 and 58 patients were enrolled in Cohorts 1 and 6, respectively.<sup>1</sup> At a median follow-up of 8.6 months, across all patients, SC amivantamab combined with lazertinib demonstrated an overall response rate (ORR) of 77 percent (95 percent Confidence Interval [CI], 68-84) as assessed by the investigator per RECIST v1.1\*\* (primary endpoint) and 79 percent (95 percent CI, 70-86) as assessed by blinded independent central review.<sup>1</sup> A similar ORR of 86 percent (95 percent CI, 83-89) was observed with IV amivantamab in combination with lazertinib, as determined by blinded independent central review in the Phase 3 MARIPOSA study.<sup>1</sup> Average administration time was approximately five minutes versus the IV administration of 2-4 hours.<sup>2</sup> Median duration of response was not estimable in both cohorts.<sup>1</sup>

“These promising results for patients with EGFR-mutated lung cancer show that the effectiveness of subcutaneous amivantamab is consistent with the IV formulation and, in addition, could offer a more convenient option for patients and their caregivers,” said Henar Hevia, Ph.D, Senior Director, EMEA Therapeutic Area Lead, Oncology, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine. “At J&J, we are directing our focus on areas where we believe we can truly transform cancer care, including optimising treatment experiences for patients.”

The pooled analysis from Cohort 1 and Cohort 6 showed the safety profile for SC amivantamab was consistent with previous reports, with no new safety signals identified.<sup>1</sup> The most common treatment-emergent adverse events (AEs) ( $\geq 20$  percent) across all patients were paronychia (71 percent), rash (61 percent) and hypoalbuminemia (48 percent).<sup>1</sup> IRRs were reported in 15 percent of patients across the two cohorts.<sup>1</sup> Discontinuation of all medicines due to treatment-related AEs occurred in approximately nine percent of all patients.<sup>1</sup> Prophylactic anticoagulation was administered to 71 percent of patients in Cohort 1 and 100 percent of those in Cohort 6.<sup>1</sup> Venous thromboembolic events (VTEs) were reported in 18 and seven percent of patients in Cohorts 1 and 6, respectively, with no dose reductions or discontinuations reported due to VTEs.<sup>1</sup> These findings suggest prophylactic anticoagulation can be implemented and reduce the incidence of VTEs with the combination of amivantamab plus lazertinib.<sup>1</sup>

“The safety and tolerability data from the PALOMA-2 study highlight the potential of subcutaneous amivantamab as an important therapy in the first-line treatment of patients with EGFR-mutant lung cancer,” said Kiran Patel, M.D., Vice President, Clinical Development, Solid Tumors, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine. “As we advance our robust pipeline and portfolio for patients with lung cancer, we remain dedicated to developing effective therapies that offer distinct benefits in the treatment of this disease.”

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#### **About the PALOMA-2 Study**

PALOMA-2 (NCT05498428) is an open-label Phase 2 study evaluating the efficacy, safety, and pharmacokinetics (PK) of first-line SC amivantamab (administered via manual injection) combined with lazertinib and/or chemotherapy in patients with EGFR-mutated advanced or metastatic NSCLC.<sup>3</sup> Sixty-eight and 58 patients were enrolled in Cohorts 1 and 6, respectively. Prophylactic anticoagulation for the first four months of treatment was recommended in Cohort 1 and mandatory in Cohort 6.<sup>3</sup> The primary endpoint was objective response rate (ORR) as assessed by the investigator per RECIST v1.1.<sup>3</sup>

#### **About Amivantamab**

Amivantamab is a fully-human EGFR-MET bispecific antibody with immune cell-directing activity that targets tumours with activating and resistance EGFR mutations and MET mutations and amplifications.<sup>4,5,6,7,8</sup>

The European Commission (EC) granted conditional marketing authorisation of amivantamab in December 2021 for the treatment of adult patients with advanced NSCLC with activating epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 20 insertion mutations, after failure of platinum-based therapy.<sup>9</sup> Amivantamab is the first approved treatment in the European Economic Area specifically targeting EGFR exon 20 insertion mutations for NSCLC.<sup>9</sup> In November 2023, a type II extension of indication application was [submitted](#) to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) seeking approval of amivantamab in combination with chemotherapy (carboplatin and pemetrexed) for the treatment of adult patients with advanced NSCLC with EGFR ex19del or L858R substitution mutations, after failure of prior therapy including a third-generation EGFR TKI.<sup>10</sup> In February 2024, a type II extension of indication application was [submitted](#) to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) for amivantamab, in combination with lazertinib, for the first-line treatment of adult patients with advanced NSCLC with common EGFR exon 19 deletions (ex19del) or exon 21 (L858R) substitution mutations.<sup>11</sup> In April 2024, the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) provided a [positive opinion](#) for the use of amivantamab in combination with carboplatin and pemetrexed chemotherapy, for the first-line treatment of adult patients with advanced NSCLC with EGFR exon 20 insertion mutations.<sup>12</sup>

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On Friday 31 May 2024, Johnson & Johnson announced the submission of an application to the EMA for the extension of the amivantamab marketing authorisation (line extension) seeking approval for the use of a subcutaneous (SC) formulation of amivantamab in combination with lazertinib for the first-line treatment of adult patients with advanced NSCLC with EGFR exon 19 deletion or L858R mutations, and for the use of SC amivantamab in adult patients with advanced NSCLC with activating EGFR exon 20 insertion mutations after failure of platinum-based therapy.<sup>13</sup>

In addition to the PALOMA-2 study, amivantamab is being studied in multiple clinical trials in NSCLC, including:

- The Phase 1 PALOMA (NCT04606381) study assessing the feasibility of subcutaneous administration of amivantamab based on safety and pharmacokinetics and to determine a dose, dose regimen and formulation for amivantamab subcutaneous delivery.<sup>14</sup>
- The Phase 3 PALOMA-3 (NCT05388669) study assessing lazertinib with subcutaneous amivantamab compared to intravenous amivantamab in patients with EGFR-mutated advanced or metastatic NSCLC.<sup>15</sup>
- The Phase 3 PAPHON (NCT04538664) study assessing amivantamab in combination with carboplatin-pemetrexed versus chemotherapy alone in the first-line treatment of patients with advanced or metastatic NSCLC with EGFR exon 20 insertion mutations.<sup>16</sup>
- The Phase 3 MARIPOSA-2 (NCT04988295) study assessing the efficacy of amivantamab (with or without lazertinib) and carboplatin-pemetrexed versus carboplatin-pemetrexed alone in patients with locally advanced or metastatic EGFR ex19del or L858R substitution NSCLC after disease progression on or after osimertinib.<sup>17</sup>
- The Phase 3 MARIPOSA (NCT04487080) study assessing amivantamab in combination with lazertinib versus osimertinib and versus lazertinib alone in the first-line treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC with EGFR ex19del or L858R substitution mutations.<sup>18</sup>
- The Phase 1 CHRYSALIS (NCT02609776) study evaluating amivantamab in patients with advanced NSCLC.<sup>19</sup>
- The Phase 1/1b CHRYSALIS-2 (NCT04077463) study evaluating amivantamab in combination with lazertinib and lazertinib as a monotherapy in patients with advanced NSCLC with EGFR mutations.<sup>20</sup>
- The Phase 1/2 METalmark (NCT05488314) study assessing amivantamab and capmatinib combination therapy in locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC.<sup>21</sup>
- The Phase 1/2 PolyDamas (NCT05908734) study assessing amivantamab and cetrelimab combination therapy in locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC.<sup>22</sup>
- The Phase 2 SKIPPirr study (NCT05663866) exploring how to decrease the incidence and/or severity of first-dose infusion-related reactions with amivantamab in combination with lazertinib in relapsed or refractory EGFR-mutated advanced or metastatic NSCLC.<sup>23</sup>

For a full list of adverse events and information on dosage and administration, contraindications and other precautions when using amivantamab please refer to the [Summary of Product Characteristics](#).<sup>9</sup>

▼ In line with EMA regulations for new medicines, amivantamab is subject to additional monitoring.

### About Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

In Europe, it is estimated that 484,306 people were diagnosed with lung cancer in 2022.<sup>24</sup> NSCLC accounts for 85 percent of all lung cancer cases.<sup>25</sup> Lung cancer is Europe's biggest cancer killer, with more deaths than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.<sup>24</sup>

The main subtypes of NSCLC are adenocarcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and large cell carcinoma.<sup>25</sup> Among the most common driver mutations in NSCLC are alterations in EGFR, which is a receptor tyrosine kinase controlling cell growth and division.<sup>25,26</sup> EGFR mutations are present in 10 to 15 percent of Western patients with NSCLC with adenocarcinoma histology and occur in 40 to 50 percent of Asian patients.<sup>27,28,29,30</sup> EGFR ex19del or EGFR L858R mutations are the most common EGFR mutations.<sup>31</sup> The five-year survival rate for all patients with advanced NSCLC and EGFR mutations treated with EGFR TKIs is less than 20 percent.<sup>32,33</sup> EGFR exon 20 insertion mutations are the third most prevalent activating EGFR mutation.<sup>34</sup> Patients with EGFR ex19del or L858R mutations have a real-world five-year OS of eight percent in the frontline setting, which is worse than patients with EGFR ex19del or

L858R mutations, who have a real-world five-year OS of 19 percent.<sup>35</sup> In addition, it has been demonstrated that approximately 50 percent of patients with NSCLC will develop brain metastases which are a substantial contributor to overall cancer mortality.<sup>36,37,38</sup>

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**\*\*RECIST (v1.1)** refers to Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors, which is a standard way to measure how well solid tumours respond to treatment and is based on whether tumours shrink, stay the same or get bigger.

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