

ANNEX I
SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

▼ This medicinal product is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions. See section 4.8 for how to report adverse reactions.

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

OPDIVO 10 mg/mL concentrate for solution for infusion.

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each mL of concentrate contains 10 mg of nivolumab.

One vial of 4 mL contains 40 mg of nivolumab.

One vial of 10 mL contains 100 mg of nivolumab.

Nivolumab is produced in Chinese hamster ovary cells by recombinant DNA technology.

Excipient with known effect

Each mL of concentrate contains 0.1 mmol (or 2.5 mg) sodium.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Concentrate for solution for infusion (sterile concentrate).

Clear to opalescent, colourless to pale yellow liquid that may contain few light particles. The solution has a pH of approximately 6.0 and an osmolality of approximately 340 mOsm/kg.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

Melanoma

OPDIVO as monotherapy or in combination with ipilimumab is indicated for the treatment of advanced (unresectable or metastatic) melanoma in adults.

Relative to nivolumab monotherapy, an increase in progression-free survival (PFS) for the combination of nivolumab with ipilimumab is established only in patients with low tumour PD-L1 expression (see sections 4.4 and 5.1).

Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

OPDIVO as monotherapy is indicated for the treatment of locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer after prior chemotherapy in adults.

Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC)

OPDIVO as monotherapy is indicated for the treatment of advanced renal cell carcinoma after prior therapy in adults.

Classical Hodgkin lymphoma (cHL)

OPDIVO as monotherapy is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory classical Hodgkin lymphoma after autologous stem cell transplant (ASCT) and treatment with brentuximab vedotin.

Squamous Cell Cancer of the Head and Neck (SCCHN)

OPDIVO as monotherapy is indicated for the treatment of squamous cell cancer of the head and neck in adults progressing on or after platinum-based therapy (see section 5.1).

4.2 Posology and method of administration

Treatment must be initiated and supervised by physicians experienced in the treatment of cancer.

Posology

OPDIVO as monotherapy

The recommended dose of OPDIVO is 3 mg/kg nivolumab administered intravenously over 60 minutes every 2 weeks.

OPDIVO in combination with ipilimumab

The recommended dose is 1 mg/kg nivolumab administered as an intravenous infusion over 60 minutes every 3 weeks for the first 4 doses in combination with 3 mg/kg ipilimumab administered intravenously over 90 minutes.

This is then followed by a second phase in which 3 mg/kg nivolumab is administered as an intravenous infusion over 60 minutes every 2 weeks.

Treatment with OPDIVO, either as a monotherapy or in combination with ipilimumab, should be continued as long as clinical benefit is observed or until treatment is no longer tolerated by the patient. Atypical responses (i.e., an initial transient increase in tumour size or small new lesions within the first few months followed by tumour shrinkage) have been observed. It is recommended to continue treatment with nivolumab for clinically stable patients with initial evidence of disease progression until disease progression is confirmed.

Dose escalation or reduction is not recommended. Dosing delay or discontinuation may be required based on individual safety and tolerability. Guidelines for permanent discontinuation or withholding of doses are described in Table 1. Detailed guidelines for the management of immune-related adverse reactions are described in section 4.4.

Table 1: Recommended treatment modifications for OPDIVO or OPDIVO in combination with ipilimumab

Immune-related adverse reaction	Severity	Treatment modification
Immune-related pneumonitis	Grade 2 pneumonitis	Withhold dose(s) until symptoms resolve, radiographic abnormalities improve, and management with corticosteroids is complete
	Grade 3 or 4 pneumonitis	Permanently discontinue treatment
Immune-related colitis	Grade 2 diarrhoea or colitis	Withhold dose(s) until symptoms resolve and management with corticosteroids, if needed, is complete
	Grade 3 diarrhoea or colitis - OPDIVO monotherapy	Withhold dose(s) until symptoms resolve and management with corticosteroids is complete
	- OPDIVO+ipilimumab	Permanently discontinue treatment
	Grade 4 diarrhoea or colitis	Permanently discontinue treatment
Immune-related hepatitis	Grade 2 elevation in aspartate aminotransferase (AST), alanine aminotransferase (ALT), or total bilirubin	Withhold dose(s) until laboratory values return to baseline and management with corticosteroids, if needed, is complete
	Grade 3 or 4 elevation in AST, ALT, or total bilirubin	Permanently discontinue treatment
Immune-related nephritis and renal dysfunction	Grade 2 or 3 creatinine elevation	Withhold dose(s) until creatinine returns to baseline and management with corticosteroids is complete
	Grade 4 creatinine elevation	Permanently discontinue treatment
Immune-related endocrinopathies	Symptomatic Grade 2 or 3 hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, hypophysitis, Grade 2 adrenal insufficiency Grade 3 diabetes	Withhold dose(s) until symptoms resolve and management with corticosteroids (if needed for symptoms of acute inflammation) is complete. Treatment should be continued in the presence of hormone replacement therapy ^a as long as no symptoms are present
	Grade 4 hypothyroidism Grade 4 hyperthyroidism Grade 4 hypophysitis Grade 3 or 4 adrenal insufficiency Grade 4 diabetes	Permanently discontinue treatment
	Grade 3 rash	Withhold dose(s) until symptoms resolve and management with corticosteroids is complete
	Grade 4 rash	Permanently discontinue treatment
Immune-related skin adverse reactions	Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) or toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN)	Permanently discontinue treatment (see section 4.4)
	Grade 3 (first occurrence)	Withhold dose(s)
Other immune-related adverse reactions	Grade 3 myocarditis	Permanently discontinue treatment
	Grade 4 or recurrent Grade 3 ; persistent Grade 2 or 3 despite treatment modification ; inability to reduce	Permanently discontinue treatment

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corticosteroid dose to 10 mg prednisone
or equivalent per day

Note: Toxicity grades are in accordance with National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events Version 4.0 (NCI-CTCAE v4).

^a Recommendation for the use of hormone replacement therapy is provided in section 4.4.

OPDIVO or OPDIVO in combination with ipilimumab should be permanently discontinued for:

- Grade 4 or recurrent Grade 3 adverse reactions;
- Persistent Grade 2 or 3 adverse reactions despite management.

Patients treated with OPDIVO must be given the patient alert card and be informed about the risks of OPDIVO (see also package leaflet).

When OPDIVO is administered in combination with ipilimumab, if either agent is withheld, the other agent should also be withheld. If dosing is resumed after a delay, either the combination treatment or OPDIVO monotherapy could be resumed based on the evaluation of the individual patient.

Special populations

Paediatric population

The safety and efficacy of OPDIVO in children below 18 years of age have not been established. No data are available.

Elderly

No dose adjustment is required for elderly patients (≥ 65 years) (see sections 5.1 and 5.2).

Data from NSCLC and SCCHN patients 75 years of age or older are too limited to draw conclusions on this population.

Renal impairment

Based on the population pharmacokinetic (PK) results, no dose adjustment is required in patients with mild or moderate renal impairment (see section 5.2). Data from patients with severe renal impairment are too limited to draw conclusions on this population.

Hepatic impairment

Based on the population PK results, no dose adjustment is required in patients with mild hepatic impairment (see section 5.2). Data from patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment are too limited to draw conclusions on these populations. OPDIVO must be administered with caution in patients with moderate (total bilirubin $> 1.5 \times$ to $3 \times$ the upper limit of normal [ULN] and any AST) or severe (total bilirubin $> 3 \times$ ULN and any AST) hepatic impairment.

Method of administration

OPDIVO is for intravenous use only. It is to be administered as an intravenous infusion over a period of 60 minutes. The infusion must be administered through a sterile, non-pyrogenic, low protein binding in-line filter with a pore size of 0.2-1.2 μm .

OPDIVO must not be administered as an intravenous push or bolus injection.

The total dose of OPDIVO required can be infused directly as a 10 mg/mL solution or can be diluted to as low as 1 mg/mL with sodium chloride 9 mg/mL (0.9%) solution for injection or glucose 50 mg/mL (5%) solution for injection.

When administered in combination with ipilimumab, OPDIVO should be given first followed by ipilimumab on the same day. Use separate infusion bags and filters for each infusion.

For instructions on the handling of the medicinal product before administration, see section 6.6.

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

When nivolumab is administered in combination with ipilimumab, refer to the Summary of Product Characteristics for ipilimumab prior to initiation of treatment. Immune-related adverse reactions have occurred at higher frequencies when nivolumab was administered in combination with ipilimumab compared with nivolumab as monotherapy. Most immune-related adverse reactions improved or resolved with appropriate management, including initiation of corticosteroids and treatment modifications (see section 4.2).

Cardiac adverse events and pulmonary embolism have also been reported with combination therapy. Patients should be monitored for cardiac and pulmonary adverse reactions continuously, as well as for clinical signs, symptoms, and laboratory abnormalities indicative of electrolyte disturbances and dehydration prior to and periodically during treatment. Nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should be discontinued for life-threatening or recurrent severe cardiac and pulmonary adverse reactions.

Patients should be monitored continuously (at least up to 5 months after the last dose) as an adverse reaction with nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab may occur at any time during or after discontinuation of therapy.

For suspected immune-related adverse reactions, adequate evaluation should be performed to confirm aetiology or exclude other causes. Based on the severity of the adverse reaction, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should be withheld and corticosteroids administered. If immunosuppression with corticosteroids is used to treat an adverse reaction, a taper of at least 1 month duration should be initiated upon improvement. Rapid tapering may lead to worsening or recurrence of the adverse reaction. Non-corticosteroid immunosuppressive therapy should be added if there is worsening or no improvement despite corticosteroid use.

Nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should not be resumed while the patient is receiving immunosuppressive doses of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive therapy. Prophylactic antibiotics should be used to prevent opportunistic infections in patients receiving immunosuppressive therapy.

Nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab must be permanently discontinued for any severe immune-related adverse reaction that recurs and for any life-threatening immune-related adverse reaction.

Immune-related pneumonitis

Severe pneumonitis or interstitial lung disease, including fatal cases, has been observed with nivolumab monotherapy or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab (see section 4.8). Patients should be monitored for signs and symptoms of pneumonitis such as radiographic changes (e.g., focal ground glass opacities, patchy infiltrates), dyspnoea, and hypoxia. Infectious and disease-related aetiologies should be ruled out.

For Grade 3 or 4 pneumonitis, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab must be permanently discontinued, and corticosteroids should be initiated at a dose of 2 to 4 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents.

For Grade 2 (symptomatic) pneumonitis, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should be withheld and corticosteroids initiated at a dose of 1 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents. Upon improvement, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab may be

resumed after corticosteroid taper. If worsening or no improvement occurs despite initiation of corticosteroids, corticosteroid dose should be increased to 2 to 4 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents and nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab must be permanently discontinued.

Immune-related colitis

Severe diarrhoea or colitis has been observed with nivolumab monotherapy or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab (see section 4.8). Patients should be monitored for diarrhoea and additional symptoms of colitis, such as abdominal pain and mucus or blood in stool. Infectious and disease-related aetiologies should be ruled out.

For Grade 4 diarrhoea or colitis, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab must be permanently discontinued, and corticosteroids should be initiated at a dose of 1 to 2 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents.

Nivolumab monotherapy should be withheld for Grade 3 diarrhoea or colitis, and corticosteroids initiated at a dose of 1 to 2 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents. Upon improvement, nivolumab monotherapy may be resumed after corticosteroid taper. If worsening or no improvement occurs despite initiation of corticosteroids, nivolumab monotherapy must be permanently discontinued. Grade 3 diarrhoea or colitis observed with nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab requires permanent discontinuation of treatment and initiation of corticosteroids at a dose of 1 to 2 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents.

For Grade 2 diarrhoea or colitis, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should be withheld. Persistent diarrhoea or colitis should be managed with corticosteroids at a dose of 0.5 to 1 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents. Upon improvement, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab may be resumed after corticosteroid taper, if needed. If worsening or no improvement occurs despite initiation of corticosteroids, corticosteroid dose should be increased to 1 to 2 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents and nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab must be permanently discontinued.

Immune-related hepatitis

Severe hepatitis has been observed with nivolumab monotherapy or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab (see section 4.8). Patients should be monitored for signs and symptoms of hepatitis such as transaminase and total bilirubin elevations. Infectious and disease-related aetiologies should be ruled out.

For Grade 3 or 4 transaminase or total bilirubin elevation, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab must be permanently discontinued, and corticosteroids should be initiated at a dose of 1 to 2 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents.

For Grade 2 transaminase or total bilirubin elevation, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should be withheld. Persistent elevations in these laboratory values should be managed with corticosteroids at a dose of 0.5 to 1 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents. Upon improvement, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab may be resumed after corticosteroid taper, if needed. If worsening or no improvement occurs despite initiation of corticosteroids, corticosteroid dose should be increased to 1 to 2 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents and nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab must be permanently discontinued.

Immune-related nephritis and renal dysfunction

Severe nephritis and renal dysfunction have been observed with monotherapy treatment or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab (see section 4.8). Patients should be monitored for signs and symptoms of nephritis or renal dysfunction. Most patients present with asymptomatic increases in serum creatinine. Disease-related aetiologies should be ruled out.

For Grade 4 serum creatinine elevation, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab must be permanently discontinued, and corticosteroids should be initiated at a dose of 1 to 2 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents.

For Grade 2 or 3 serum creatinine elevation, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should be withheld, and corticosteroids should be initiated at a dose of 0.5 to 1 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents. Upon improvement, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab may be resumed after corticosteroid taper. If worsening or no improvement occurs despite initiation of corticosteroids, corticosteroid dose should be increased to 1 to 2 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents, and nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab must be permanently discontinued.

Immune-related endocrinopathies

Severe endocrinopathies, including hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, adrenal insufficiency (including secondary adrenocortical insufficiency), hypophysitis (including hypopituitarism), diabetes mellitus, and diabetic ketoacidosis have been observed with nivolumab monotherapy or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab (see section 4.8).

Patients should be monitored for clinical signs and symptoms of endocrinopathies and for hyperglycaemia and changes in thyroid function (at the start of treatment, periodically during treatment, and as indicated based on clinical evaluation). Patients may present with fatigue, headache, mental status changes, abdominal pain, unusual bowel habits, and hypotension, or nonspecific symptoms which may resemble other causes such as brain metastasis or underlying disease. Unless an alternate aetiology has been identified, signs or symptoms of endocrinopathies should be considered immune-related.

For symptomatic hypothyroidism, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should be withheld, and thyroid hormone replacement should be initiated as needed. For symptomatic hyperthyroidism, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should be withheld and antithyroid medication should be initiated as needed. Corticosteroids at a dose of 1 to 2 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents should also be considered if acute inflammation of the thyroid is suspected. Upon improvement, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab may be resumed after corticosteroid taper, if needed. Monitoring of thyroid function should continue to ensure appropriate hormone replacement is utilised. Nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab must be permanently discontinued for life-threatening hyperthyroidism or hypothyroidism.

For symptomatic Grade 2 adrenal insufficiency, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should be withheld, and physiologic corticosteroid replacement should be initiated as needed. Nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab must be permanently discontinued for severe (Grade 3) or life-threatening (Grade 4) adrenal insufficiency. Monitoring of adrenal function and hormone levels should continue to ensure appropriate corticosteroid replacement is utilised.

For symptomatic Grade 2 or 3 hypophysitis, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should be withheld, and hormone replacement should be initiated as needed. Corticosteroids at a dose of 1 to 2 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents should also be considered if acute inflammation of the pituitary gland is suspected. Upon improvement, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab may be resumed after corticosteroid taper, if needed. Nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab must be permanently discontinued for life-threatening (Grade 4) hypophysitis. Monitoring of pituitary function and hormone levels should continue to ensure appropriate hormone replacement is utilised.

For symptomatic diabetes, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should be withheld, and insulin replacement should be initiated as needed. Monitoring of blood sugar should continue to ensure appropriate insulin replacement is utilised. Nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab must be permanently discontinued for life-threatening diabetes.

Immune-related skin adverse reactions

Severe rash has been observed with nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab and, less commonly, with nivolumab as monotherapy (see section 4.8). Nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should be withheld for Grade 3 rash and discontinued for Grade 4 rash. Severe rash should be managed with high-dose corticosteroid at a dose of 1 to 2 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents.

Rare cases of SJS and TEN some of them with fatal outcome have been observed. If symptoms or signs of SJS or TEN appear, treatment with nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should be discontinued and the patient referred to a specialised unit for assessment and treatment. If the patient has developed SJS or TEN with the use of nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab, permanent discontinuation of treatment is recommended (see section 4.2).

Caution should be used when considering the use of nivolumab in a patient who has previously experienced a severe or life-threatening skin adverse reaction on prior treatment with other immune-stimulatory anticancer agents.

Other immune-related adverse reactions

The following immune-related adverse reactions were reported in less than 1% of patients treated with nivolumab monotherapy in clinical trials across doses and tumour types: pancreatitis, uveitis, demyelination, autoimmune neuropathy (including facial and abducens nerve paresis), Guillain-Barré syndrome, myasthenic syndrome, and encephalitis.

Across clinical trials of nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab, the following additional clinically significant, immune-related adverse reactions were reported in less than 1% of patients: gastritis, sarcoidosis, and duodenitis.

For suspected immune-related adverse reactions, adequate evaluation should be performed to confirm aetiology or exclude other causes. Based on the severity of the adverse reaction, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should be withheld and corticosteroids administered. Upon improvement, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab may be resumed after corticosteroid taper. Nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab must be permanently discontinued for any severe immune-related adverse reaction that recurs and for any life-threatening immune-related adverse reaction.

Rare cases of myotoxicity (myositis, myocarditis, and rhabdomyolysis), some with fatal outcome, have been reported with nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab. If a patient develops signs and symptoms of myotoxicity, close monitoring should be implemented, and the patient referred to a specialist for assessment and treatment without delay. Based on the severity of myotoxicity, nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab should be withheld or discontinued (see section 4.2), and appropriate treatment instituted.

Solid organ transplant rejection has been reported in the post-marketing setting in patients treated with PD-1 inhibitors. Treatment with nivolumab may increase the risk of rejection in solid organ transplant recipients. The benefit of treatment with nivolumab versus the risk of possible organ rejection should be considered in these patients.

Infusion reactions

Severe infusion reactions have been reported in clinical trials of nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab (see section 4.8). In case of a severe or life-threatening infusion reaction, the nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab infusion must be discontinued and appropriate medical therapy administered. Patients with mild or moderate infusion reaction may receive nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab with close monitoring and use of premedication according to local treatment guidelines for prophylaxis of infusion reactions.

Disease-specific precautions

Melanoma

Patients with a baseline performance score ≥ 2 , active brain metastases or autoimmune disease, and patients who had been receiving systemic immunosuppressants prior to study entry were excluded from the clinical trials of nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab. Patients with ocular/uveal melanoma were excluded from clinical trials of melanoma. In addition, CA209037 excluded patients who have had a Grade 4 adverse reaction that was related to anti-CTLA-4 therapy (see section 5.1). In the absence of data, nivolumab should be used with caution in these populations after careful consideration of the potential benefit/risk on an individual basis.

Relative to nivolumab monotherapy, an increase in PFS for the combination of nivolumab with ipilimumab is established only in patients with low tumour PD-L1 expression. Before initiating treatment with the combination, physicians are advised to carefully evaluate the individual patient and tumour characteristics, taking into consideration the observed benefits and the toxicity of the combination relative to nivolumab monotherapy (see sections 4.8 and 5.1).

Use of nivolumab in melanoma patients with rapidly progressing disease

Physicians should consider the delayed onset of nivolumab effect before initiating treatment in patients with rapidly progressing disease (see section 5.1).

Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

Patients with a baseline performance score ≥ 2 , active brain metastases or autoimmune disease, symptomatic interstitial lung disease, and patients who had been receiving systemic immunosuppressants prior to study entry were excluded from the clinical trials of NSCLC (see sections 4.5 and 5.1). In the absence of data, nivolumab should be used with caution in these populations after careful consideration of the potential benefit/risk on an individual basis.

Physicians should consider the delayed onset of nivolumab effect before initiating treatment in patients with poorer prognostic features and/or aggressive disease. In non-squamous NSCLC, a higher number of deaths within 3 months was observed in nivolumab compared to docetaxel. Factors associated with early deaths were poorer prognostic factors and/or more aggressive disease combined with low or no tumour PD-L1 expression (see section 5.1).

Renal Cell Carcinoma

Patients with any history of or concurrent brain metastases, active autoimmune disease, or medical conditions requiring systemic immunosuppression were excluded from the pivotal trial in RCC (see sections 4.5 and 5.1). In the absence of data, nivolumab should be used with caution in these populations after careful consideration of the potential benefit/risk on an individual basis.

Classical Hodgkin lymphoma

Patients with active autoimmune disease and symptomatic interstitial lung disease were excluded from clinical trials of cHL. In the absence of data, nivolumab should be used with caution in these populations after careful consideration of the potential benefit/risk on an individual basis.

Complications of allogeneic Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT) in classical Hodgkin Lymphoma

Preliminary results from the follow-up of patients undergoing allogeneic HSCT after previous exposure to nivolumab showed a higher than expected number of cases of acute graft-versus-host-disease (aGVHD) and transplant related mortality (TRM). Until further data become available, careful consideration to the potential benefits of HSCT and the possible increased risk of transplant related complications should be made case by case (see section 4.8).

Head and Neck Cancer

Patients with a baseline performance score ≥ 2 , untreated brain metastasis, active autoimmune disease, medical conditions requiring systemic immunosuppression, or carcinoma of the nasopharynx or salivary gland as the primary tumour sites were excluded from the SCCHN clinical trial (see

sections 4.5 and 5.1). In the absence of data, nivolumab should be used with caution in these populations after careful consideration of the potential benefit/risk on an individual basis.

Physicians should consider the delayed onset of nivolumab effect before initiating treatment in patients with poorer prognostic features and/or aggressive disease. In head and neck cancer, a higher number of deaths within 3 months was observed in nivolumab compared to docetaxel. Factors associated with early deaths were ECOG performance status, fast progressive disease on prior platinum therapy and high tumor burden.

Patients on controlled sodium diet

Each mL of this medicinal product contains 0.1 mmol (or 2.5 mg) sodium. To be taken into consideration when treating patients on a controlled sodium diet.

Patient Alert Card

All prescribers of OPDIVO must be familiar with the Physician Information and Management Guidelines. The prescriber must discuss the risks of OPDIVO therapy with the patient. The patient will be provided with the Patient Alert Card with each prescription.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Nivolumab is a human monoclonal antibody, as such pharmacokinetic interaction studies have not been conducted. As monoclonal antibodies are not metabolised by cytochrome P450 (CYP) enzymes or other drug metabolising enzymes, inhibition or induction of these enzymes by co-administered medicinal products is not anticipated to affect the pharmacokinetics of nivolumab.

Other forms of interaction

Systemic immunosuppression

The use of systemic corticosteroids and other immunosuppressants at baseline, before starting nivolumab, should be avoided because of their potential interference with the pharmacodynamic activity. However, systemic corticosteroids and other immunosuppressants can be used after starting nivolumab to treat immune-related adverse reactions. The preliminary results show that systemic immunosuppression after starting nivolumab treatment does not appear to preclude the response on nivolumab.

4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Pregnancy

There are no data on the use of nivolumab in pregnant women. Studies in animals have shown embryofoetal toxicity (see section 5.3). Human IgG4 is known to cross the placental barrier and nivolumab is an IgG4; therefore, nivolumab has the potential to be transmitted from the mother to the developing foetus. Nivolumab is not recommended during pregnancy and in women of childbearing potential not using effective contraception unless the clinical benefit outweighs the potential risk. Effective contraception should be used for at least 5 months following the last dose of nivolumab.

Breast-feeding

It is unknown whether nivolumab is secreted in human milk. Because many medicinal products, including antibodies, can be secreted in human milk, a risk to the newborns/infants cannot be excluded. A decision must be made whether to discontinue breast-feeding or to discontinue from nivolumab therapy taking into account the benefit of breast-feeding for the child and the benefit of therapy for the woman.

Fertility

Studies to evaluate the effect of nivolumab on fertility have not been performed. Thus, the effect of nivolumab on male and female fertility is unknown.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Based on its pharmacodynamic properties, nivolumab is unlikely to affect the ability to drive and use machines. Because of potential adverse reactions such as fatigue (see section 4.8), patients should be advised to use caution when driving or operating machinery until they are certain that nivolumab does not adversely affect them.

4.8 Undesirable effects

Summary of the safety profile

In the pooled dataset of nivolumab 3 mg/kg as monotherapy across tumour types (CA209066, CA209037, CA209067 [monotherapy group], CA209017, CA209057, CA209063, CA209025, CA209205, CA209039, and CA209141), the most frequent adverse reactions ($\geq 10\%$) were fatigue (30%), rash (17%), pruritus (12%), diarrhoea (12%), and nausea (12%). The majority of adverse reactions were mild to moderate (Grade 1 or 2). With a minimum of 24 months follow-up in NSCLC, no new safety signals were identified.

In the pooled dataset of nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab in melanoma (CA209067 [combination group], CA209069, and CA209004-cohort 8), the most frequent adverse reactions ($\geq 10\%$) were rash (51%), fatigue (43%), diarrhoea (42%), pruritus (35%), nausea (25%), pyrexia (19%), decreased appetite (15%), hypothyroidism (15%), vomiting (14%), colitis (14%), abdominal pain (13%), arthralgia (11%), and headache (11%). The majority of adverse reactions were mild to moderate (Grade 1 or 2).

Among the patients treated with nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab in CA209067, 151/313 (48%) had the first onset of Grade 3 or 4 adverse reactions during the initial combination phase. Among the 147 patients in this group who continued treatment in the single-agent phase, 37 (25%) experienced at least one Grade 3 or 4 adverse reaction during the single-agent phase.

Tabulated summary of adverse reactions

Adverse reactions reported in the pooled dataset for patients treated with nivolumab monotherapy (n = 2227) and for patients treated with nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab (n = 448) are presented in Table 2. These reactions are presented by system organ class and by frequency. Frequencies are defined as: very common ($\geq 1/10$); common ($\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$); uncommon ($\geq 1/1,000$ to $< 1/100$); rare ($\geq 1/10,000$ to $< 1/1,000$); very rare ($< 1/10,000$). Within each frequency grouping, adverse reactions are presented in the order of decreasing seriousness.

Table 2: Adverse reactions in clinical trials

	Nivolumab monotherapy	Nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab
Infections and infestations		
Common	upper respiratory tract infection	pneumonia ^a , upper respiratory tract infection
Uncommon	pneumonia ^a , bronchitis	bronchitis
Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (including cysts and polyps)		
Rare	histiocytic necrotising lymphadenitis (Kikuchi lymphadenitis)	
Blood and lymphatic system disorders		
Very common	neutropaenia ^{a,b}	
Common		eosinophilia
Uncommon	eosinophilia	
Immune system disorders		
Common	infusion related reaction ^c , hypersensitivity ^c	infusion related reaction ^c , hypersensitivity
Uncommon		sarcoidosis
Rare	anaphylactic reaction ^c	
Not known	solid organ transplant rejection	solid organ transplant rejection
Endocrine disorders		
Very common		hypothyroidism
Common	hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, hyperglycaemia ^c	adrenal insufficiency, hypopituitarism, hypophysitis, hyperthyroidism, thyroiditis, hyperglycaemia ^c
Uncommon	adrenal insufficiency, hypopituitarism, hypophysitis, thyroiditis	diabetic ketoacidosis, diabetes mellitus
Rare	diabetes mellitus, diabetic ketoacidosis	
Metabolism and nutrition disorders		
Very common		decreased appetite
Common	decreased appetite	dehydration
Uncommon	dehydration, metabolic acidosis	
Hepatobiliary disorders		
Common		hepatitis ^c
Uncommon	hepatitis ^c	
Rare	cholestasis	
Nervous system disorders		
Very common		headache
Common	peripheral neuropathy, headache, dizziness	peripheral neuropathy, dizziness
Uncommon	polyneuropathy	Guillain-Barré syndrome, polyneuropathy, neuritis, peroneal nerve palsy, autoimmune neuropathy (including facial and abducens nerve paresis), encephalitis ^c
Rare	Guillain-Barré syndrome, demyelination, myasthenic syndrome, autoimmune neuropathy (including facial and abducens nerve paresis), encephalitis ^{a,c}	
Eye disorders		
Common		uveitis, blurred vision
Uncommon	uveitis, blurred vision, dry eye	

Cardiac disorders		
Common		tachycardia
Uncommon	tachycardia	arrhythmia (including ventricular arrhythmia) ^d , atrial fibrillation, myocarditis ^{a,f}
Rare	arrhythmia (including ventricular arrhythmia) ^d , atrial fibrillation, myocarditis ^{a,f}	
Vascular disorders		
Common	hypertension	hypertension
Rare	vasculitis	
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders		
Common	pneumonitis ^{a,c} , dyspnoea ^a , cough	pneumonitis ^{a,c} , pulmonary embolism ^a , dyspnoea, cough
Uncommon	pleural effusion	pleural effusion
Rare	lung infiltration	
Gastrointestinal disorders		
Very common	diarrhoea, nausea	colitis, diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea, abdominal pain
Common	stomatitis, vomiting, abdominal pain, constipation, dry mouth	stomatitis, gastritis, constipation, dry mouth
Uncommon	colitis, pancreatitis	pancreatitis, intestinal perforation, duodenitis
Rare	gastritis, duodenal ulcer	
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders		
Very common	rash ^e , pruritus	rash ^e , pruritus
Common	vitiligo, dry skin, erythema, alopecia	vitiligo, dry skin, erythema, alopecia, urticaria
Uncommon	erythema multiforme, psoriasis, rosacea, urticaria	psoriasis
Rare	toxic epidermal necrolysis ^{a,f} , Stevens-Johnson syndrome ^{a,f}	toxic epidermal necrolysis ^{a,f} , Stevens-Johnson syndrome ^f
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders		
Very common		arthralgia
Common	musculoskeletal pain ^g , arthralgia	musculoskeletal pain ^g
Uncommon	polymyalgia rheumatica, arthritis	spondyloarthropathy, Sjogren's syndrome, arthritis, myopathy, myositis ^{a,f} , rhabdomyolysis ^{a,f}
Rare	myopathy, myositis ^{a,f} , rhabdomyolysis ^{a,f}	
Renal and urinary disorders		
Common		renal failure ^{a,c}
Uncommon	tubulointerstitial nephritis, renal failure ^{a,c}	tubulointerstitial nephritis
General disorders and administration site conditions		
Very common	fatigue	fatigue, pyrexia
Common	pyrexia, oedema (including peripheral oedema)	oedema (including peripheral oedema), pain
Uncommon	pain, chest pain	chest pain
Investigations^b		

Very common	increased AST, increased ALT, increased alkaline phosphatase, increased lipase, increased amylase, hypocalcaemia, increased creatinine, lymphopaenia, leucopenia, thrombocytopaenia, anaemia, hypercalcaemia, hyperkalaemia, hypokalaemia, hypomagnesaemia, hyponatraemia	increased AST, increased ALT, increased total bilirubin, increased alkaline phosphatase, increased lipase, increased amylase, increased creatinine, lymphopaenia, leucopenia, neutropaenia, thrombocytopaenia, anaemia, hypocalcaemia, hyperkalaemia, hypokalaemia, hypomagnesaemia, hyponatraemia
Common	increased total bilirubin, hypermagnesaemia, hypernatraemia, weight decreased	hypercalcaemia, hypermagnesaemia, hypernatraemia, weight decreased

^a Fatal cases have been reported in completed or ongoing clinical studies

^b Frequencies of laboratory terms reflect the proportion of patients who experienced a worsening from baseline in laboratory measurements. See “Description of selected adverse reactions; laboratory abnormalities” below.

^c Life-threatening cases have been reported in completed or ongoing clinical studies.

^d The frequency of adverse events in the cardiac disorders system organ class regardless of causality was higher in the nivolumab group than in the chemotherapy group in post-CTLA4/BRAF inhibitor metastatic melanoma population. Incidence rates per 100 person-years of exposure were 9.3 vs. 0; serious cardiac events were reported by 4.9% patients in the nivolumab group vs. 0 in the investigator’s choice group. The frequency of cardiac adverse events was lower in the nivolumab group than in the dacarbazine group in the metastatic melanoma without prior treatment population. All were considered not related to nivolumab by investigators except arrhythmia (atrial fibrillation, tachycardia and ventricular arrhythmia).

^e Rash is a composite term which includes maculopapular rash, rash erythematous, rash pruritic, rash follicular, rash macular, rash morbilliform, rash papular, rash pustular, rash papulosquamous, rash vesicular, rash generalised, exfoliative rash, dermatitis, dermatitis acneiform, dermatitis allergic, dermatitis atopic, dermatitis bullous, dermatitis exfoliative, dermatitis psoriasiform, drug eruption and pemphigoid.

^f Reported in studies outside the pooled dataset. The frequency is based on the program-wide exposure.

^g Musculoskeletal pain is a composite term which includes back pain, bone pain, musculoskeletal chest pain, musculoskeletal discomfort, myalgia, neck pain, pain in extremity, and spinal pain.

Description of selected adverse reactions

Nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab is associated with immune-related adverse reactions. With appropriate medical therapy, immune-related adverse reactions resolved in most cases. Permanent discontinuation of treatment was required in a greater proportion of patients receiving nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab than in those receiving nivolumab monotherapy for immune-related colitis (16% and 0.7%, respectively), immune-related hepatitis (9% and 1.1%), and immune-related endocrinopathies (2.5% and 0.1%). Among patients who experienced an event, high-dose corticosteroids (at least 40 mg prednisone equivalents) were required in a greater proportion of patients receiving the combination regimen than in patients receiving nivolumab monotherapy for the management of immune-related colitis (47% and 13%, respectively) and immune-related hepatitis (46% and 19%). The management guidelines for these adverse reactions are described in section 4.4.

Immune-related pneumonitis

In patients treated with nivolumab monotherapy, the incidence of pneumonitis, including interstitial lung disease and lung infiltration, was 3.0% (67/2227). The majority of cases were Grade 1 or 2 in severity reported in 0.7% (16/2227) and 1.5% (34/2227) of patients respectively. Grade 3 and 4 cases were reported in 0.7% (16/2227) and <0.1% (1/2227) of patients respectively. No Grade 5 cases were reported in these studies. Median time to onset was 3.3 months (range: 0.0-19.6). Resolution occurred in 52 patients (78%) with a median time to resolution of 5.6 weeks (range: 0.1⁺-53.1⁺); ⁺ denotes a censored observation.

In patients treated with nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab, the incidence of pneumonitis including interstitial lung disease, was 7.4% (33/448). Grade 2, Grade 3, and Grade 4 cases were reported in 4.5% (20/448), 1.1% (5/448), and 0.2% (1/448) of patients, respectively. One of the Grade 3 pneumonitis worsened over 11 days with a fatal outcome. Median time to onset was 2.3 months

(range: 0.7-6.7). Resolution occurred in 29 patients (87.9%) with a median time to resolution of 6.1 weeks (range: 0.3-46.9⁺).

Immune-related colitis

In patients treated with nivolumab monotherapy, the incidence of diarrhoea, colitis, or frequent bowel movements was 12.6% (280/2227). The majority of cases were Grade 1 or 2 in severity reported in 8.6% (191/2227) and 2.7% (61/2227) of patients respectively. Grade 3 cases were reported in 1.3% (28/2227) of patients. No Grade 4 or 5 cases were reported in these studies. Median time to onset was 1.4 months (range: 0.0-20.9). Resolution occurred in 247 patients (89%) with a median time to resolution of 1.9 weeks (range: 0.1-88.3⁺).

In patients treated with nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab, the incidence of diarrhoea or colitis was 45.5% (204/448). Grade 2, Grade 3, and Grade 4 cases were reported in 13.2% (59/448), 15.4% (69/448), and 0.4% (2/448) of patients, respectively. No Grade 5 cases were reported. Median time to onset was 1.1 months (range: 0.0-10.4). Resolution occurred in 184 patients (90.6%) with a median time to resolution of 3.0 weeks (range: 0.1-78.7⁺).

Immune-related hepatitis

In patients treated with nivolumab monotherapy, the incidence of liver function test abnormalities was 6.4% (142/2227). The majority of cases were Grade 1 or 2 in severity reported in 3.5% (77/2227) and 1.2% (26/2227) of patients respectively. Grade 3 and 4 cases were reported in 1.4% (31/2227) and 0.4% (8/2227) of patients, respectively. No Grade 5 cases were reported in these studies. Median time to onset was 1.9 months (range: 0.0-18.7). Resolution occurred in 106 patients (75%) with a median time to resolution of 5.1 weeks (range: 0.1-82.6⁺).

In patients treated with nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab, the incidence of liver function test abnormalities was 27.9% (125/448). Grade 2, Grade 3, and Grade 4 cases were reported in 6.3% (28/448), 15.0% (67/448), and 1.8% (8/448) of patients, respectively. No Grade 5 cases were reported. Median time to onset was 1.4 months (range: 0.0-11.0). Resolution occurred in 116 patients (92.8%) with a median time to resolution of 5.0 weeks (range: 0.1-53.1).

Immune-related nephritis and renal dysfunction

In patients treated with nivolumab monotherapy, the incidence of nephritis or renal dysfunction was 2.7% (60/2227). The majority of cases were Grade 1 or 2 in severity reported in 1.5% (34/2227) and 0.7% (16/2227) of patients respectively. Grade 3 and 4 cases were reported in 0.4% (9/2227) and <0.1% (1/2227) of patients, respectively. No Grade 5 nephritis or renal dysfunction was reported in these studies. Median time to onset was 2.3 months (range: 0.0-18.2). Resolution occurred in 35 patients (60%) with a median time to resolution of 12.1 weeks (range: 0.1⁺-77.1⁺).

In patients treated with nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab, the incidence of nephritis and renal dysfunction was 4.2% (19/448). Grade 2, Grade 3, and Grade 4 cases were reported in 1.1% (5/448), 0.9% (4/448), and 0.7% (3/448) of patients, respectively. No Grade 5 cases were reported. Median time to onset was 2.6 months (range: 0.5-14.7). Resolution occurred in 17 patients (89.5%) with a median time to resolution of 1.9 weeks (range: 0.4-42.6⁺).

Immune-related endocrinopathies

In patients treated with nivolumab monotherapy, the incidence of thyroid disorders, including hypothyroidism or hyperthyroidism, was 8.5% (190/2227). The majority of cases were Grade 1 or 2 in severity reported in 3.8% (84/2227) and 4.7% (104/2227) of patients respectively. Grade 3 thyroid disorders were reported in <0.1% (2/2227) of patients. Hypophysitis (1 Grade 1, 1 Grade 2, 3 Grade 3, and 1 Grade 4), hypopituitarism (4 Grade 2 and 1 Grade 3), adrenal insufficiency (1 Grade 1, 5 Grade 2, and 5 Grade 3), diabetes mellitus (1 Grade 2), and diabetic ketoacidosis (2 Grade 3) were reported. No Grade 5 cases were reported in these studies. Median time to onset of these endocrinopathies was 2.8 months (range: 0.0-14.0). Resolution occurred in 96 patients (46%) with a median time to resolution of 42.1 weeks (0.4-96.1⁺).

In patients treated with nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab, the incidence of thyroid disorders was 23.7% (106/448). Grade 2 and Grade 3 thyroid disorders were reported in 13.4% (60/448) and 1.6% (7/448) of patients, respectively. Grade 2 and Grade 3 hypophysitis occurred in 6.0% (27/448) and 1.8% (8/448) of patients, respectively. Grade 2 and Grade 3 adrenal insufficiency each occurred in 1.1% (5/448), and Grade 4 adrenal insufficiency occurred in 0.2% (1/448) of patients. Grade 1 and Grade 2 diabetes mellitus and Grade 4 diabetic ketoacidosis were each reported in 0.2% (1/448) of patients. No Grade 5 endocrinopathy was reported. Median time to onset of these endocrinopathies was 1.5 months (range: 0.0-10.1). Resolution occurred in 59 patients (45.0%). Time to resolution ranged from 0.4 to 74.4⁺ weeks.

Immune-related skin adverse reactions

In patients treated with nivolumab monotherapy, the incidence of rash was 25.6% (569/2227). The majority of cases were Grade 1 in severity reported in 19.9% (444/2227) of patients. Grade 2 and Grade 3 cases were reported in 4.7% (105/2227) and 0.9% (20/2227) of patients respectively. No Grade 4 or 5 cases were reported in these studies. Median time to onset was 1.4 months (range: 0.0-17.2). Resolution occurred in 349 patients (62%) with a median time to resolution of 16.1 weeks (0.1-113.7⁺).

In patients treated with nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab, the incidence of rash was 63.4% (284/448). Grade 2 and Grade 3 cases were reported in 19.2% (86/448) and 7.4% (33/448) of patients, respectively. No Grade 4 or 5 cases were reported. Median time to onset was 0.5 months (range: 0.0-9.7). Resolution occurred in 192 patients (67.6%) with a median time to resolution of 10.4 weeks (range: 0.1-74.0⁺).

Rare cases of SJS and TEN some of them with fatal outcome have been observed (see sections 4.2 and 4.4).

Infusion reactions

In patients treated with nivolumab monotherapy, the incidence of hypersensitivity/infusion reactions was 5.0% (111/2227), including 5 Grade 3 and 2 Grade 4 cases.

In patients treated with nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab, the incidence of hypersensitivity/infusion reactions was 3.8% (17/448); all were Grade 1 or 2 in severity. Grade 2 cases were reported in 2.2% (10/448) of patients. No Grade 3-5 cases were reported.

Complications of allogeneic HSCT in classical Hodgkin Lymphoma

In 40 evaluated patients from two cHL studies who underwent allogeneic HSCT after discontinuing nivolumab monotherapy, Grade 3 or 4 acute GVHD was reported in 7/40 patients (17.5%). Hyperacute GVHD, defined as acute GVHD occurring within 14 days after stem cell infusion, was reported in two patients (5%). A steroid-requiring febrile syndrome, without an identified infectious cause, was reported in six patients (15%) within the first 6 weeks post-transplantation, with five patients responding to steroids. Hepatic veno-occlusive disease occurred in one patient, who died of GVHD and multi-organ failure. Six of 40 patients (15%) died from complications of allogeneic HSCT after nivolumab. The 40 patients had a median follow-up from subsequent allogeneic HSCT of 2.9 months (range: 0-22 months).

Laboratory abnormalities

In patients treated with nivolumab monotherapy, the proportion of patients who experienced a shift from baseline to a Grade 3 or 4 laboratory abnormality was as follows: 4.7% for anaemia (all Grade 3), 0.6% for thrombocytopenia, 9.5% for lymphopenia, 0.9% for neutropenia, 1.7% for increased alkaline phosphatase, 2.6% for increased AST, 2.2% for increased ALT, 0.9% for increased total bilirubin, 0.6% for increased creatinine, 2.3% for increased amylase, 6.5% for increased lipase, 5.8% for hyponatraemia, 1.8% for hyperkalaemia, 1.4% for hypokalaemia, 1.3% for hypercalcaemia, 0.7% for hypermagnesaemia, 0.5% for hypomagnesaemia, 0.6% for hypocalcaemia, 1.0% for leucopenia, and 0.1% for hypernatraemia.

In patients treated with nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab, the proportion of patients who experienced a worsening from baseline to a Grade 3 or 4 laboratory abnormality was as follows: 2.8% for anaemia (all Grade 3), 1.2% for thrombocytopenia, 0.5% for leucopenia, 6.4% for lymphopenia, 0.7% for neutropenia, 4.1% for increased alkaline phosphatase, 11.9% for increased AST, 14.6% for increased ALT, 0.9% for increased total bilirubin, 2.4% for increased creatinine, 8.5% for increased amylase, 18.2% for increased lipase, 1.3% for hypocalcaemia, 0.3% each for hypercalcaemia, hyperkalaemia, hypermagnesaemia, and hypernatraemia, 4.5% for hypokalaemia, and 9.2% for hyponatraemia.

Immunogenicity

Of the 1734 patients who were treated with nivolumab monotherapy 3 mg/kg every 2 weeks and evaluable for the presence of anti-product-antibodies, 170 patients (9.8%) tested positive for treatment-emergent anti-product-antibodies with ten patients (0.6 %) testing positive for neutralising antibodies.

Of 394 patients who were treated with nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab and evaluable for the presence of anti-nivolumab antibodies, 149 patients (37.8%) tested positive for treatment-emergent anti-nivolumab antibodies with 18 patients (4.6%) testing positive for neutralising antibodies.

Although the clearance of nivolumab was increased by 25% when anti-nivolumab-antibodies were present, there was no evidence of loss of efficacy or altered toxicity profile in the presence of nivolumab antibodies based on the pharmacokinetic and exposure-response analyses for both monotherapy and combination.

Elderly

No overall differences in safety were reported between elderly (≥ 65 years) and younger patients (< 65 years). Data from NSCLC and SCCHN patients 75 years of age or older are too limited to draw conclusions on this population (see section 5.1). Data from cHL patients 65 years of age or older are too limited to draw conclusions on this population (see section 5.1).

Hepatic or renal impairment

In the non-squamous NSCLC study (CA209057), the safety profile in patients with baseline renal or hepatic impairment was comparable to that in the overall population. These results should be interpreted with caution due to the small sample size within the subgroups.

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via the national reporting system listed in [Appendix V](#).

4.9 Overdose

No cases of overdose have been reported in clinical trials. In case of overdose, patients should be closely monitored for signs or symptoms of adverse reactions, and appropriate symptomatic treatment instituted immediately.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Antineoplastic agents, monoclonal antibodies. ATC code: L01XC17.

Mechanism of action

Nivolumab is a human immunoglobulin G4 (IgG4) monoclonal antibody (HuMAb), which binds to the programmed death-1 (PD-1) receptor and blocks its interaction with PD-L1 and PD-L2. The PD-1

receptor is a negative regulator of T-cell activity that has been shown to be involved in the control of T-cell immune responses. Engagement of PD-1 with the ligands PD-L1 and PD-L2, which are expressed in antigen presenting cells and may be expressed by tumours or other cells in the tumour microenvironment, results in inhibition of T-cell proliferation and cytokine secretion. Nivolumab potentiates T-cell responses, including anti-tumour responses, through blockade of PD-1 binding to PD-L1 and PD-L2 ligands. In syngeneic mouse models, blocking PD-1 activity resulted in decreased tumour growth.

Combined nivolumab (anti-PD-1) and ipilimumab (anti-CTLA-4) mediated inhibition results in improved anti-tumour responses in metastatic melanoma. In murine syngeneic tumour models, dual blockade of PD-1 and CTLA-4 resulted in synergistic anti-tumour activity.

Clinical efficacy and safety

Melanoma

Randomised phase 3 study vs. dacarbazine (CA209066)

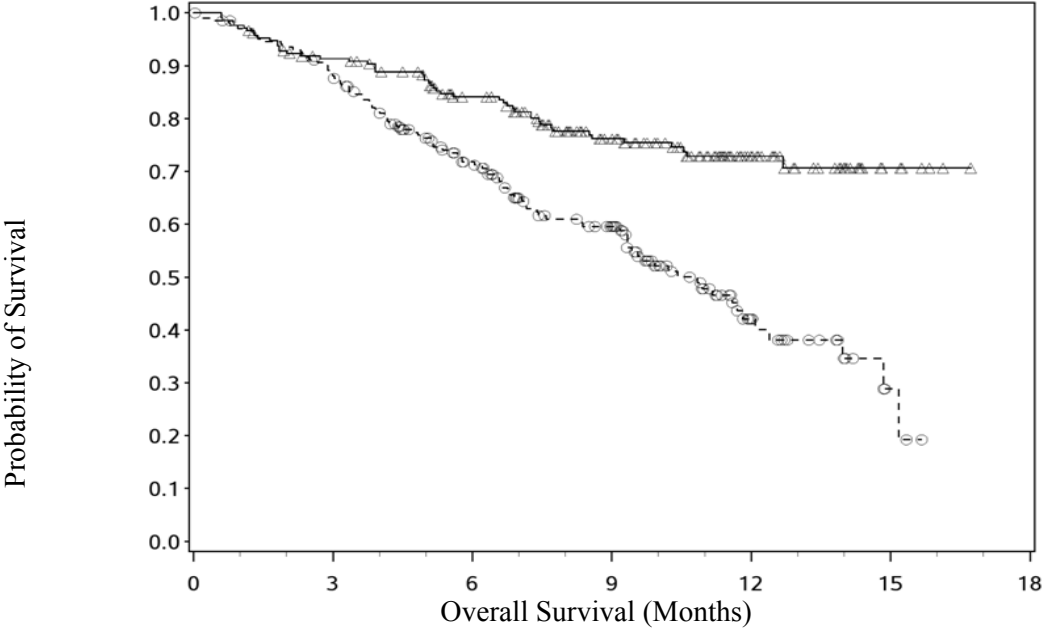
The safety and efficacy of nivolumab 3 mg/kg for the treatment of advanced (unresectable or metastatic) melanoma were evaluated in a phase 3, randomised, double-blind study (CA209066). The study included adult patients (18 years or older) with confirmed, treatment-naïve, Stage III or IV BRAF wild-type melanoma and an ECOG performance-status score of 0 or 1. Patients with active autoimmune disease, ocular melanoma, or active brain or leptomeningeal metastases were excluded from the study.

A total of 418 patients were randomised to receive either nivolumab (n = 210) administered intravenously over 60 minutes at 3 mg/kg every 2 weeks or dacarbazine (n = 208) at 1000 mg/m² every 3 weeks. Randomisation was stratified by tumour PD-L1 status and M stage (M0/M1a/M1b versus M1c). Treatment was continued as long as clinical benefit was observed or until treatment was no longer tolerated. Treatment after disease progression was permitted for patients who had a clinical benefit and did not have substantial adverse effects with the study drug, as determined by the investigator. Tumour assessments, according to the Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours (RECIST), version 1.1, were conducted 9 weeks after randomisation and continued every 6 weeks for the first year and then every 12 weeks thereafter. The primary efficacy outcome measure was overall survival (OS). Key secondary efficacy outcome measures were investigator-assessed PFS and objective response rate (ORR).

Baseline characteristics were balanced between the two groups. The median age was 65 years (range: 18-87), 59% were men, and 99.5% were white. Most patients had ECOG performance score of 0 (64%) or 1 (34%). Sixty-one percent of patients had M1c stage disease at study entry. Seventy-four percent of patients had cutaneous melanoma, and 11% had mucosal melanoma; 35% of patients had PD-L1 positive melanoma ($\geq 5\%$ tumour cell membrane expression). Sixteen percent of patients had received prior adjuvant therapy; the most common adjuvant treatment was interferon (9%). Four percent of patients had a history of brain metastasis, and 37% of patients had a baseline LDH level greater than ULN at study entry.

The Kaplan-Meier curves for OS are shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Kaplan-Meier curves of OS (CA209066)



Number of Subjects at Risk		0	3	6	9	12	15	18
Nivolumab		210	185	150	105	45	8	0
Dacarbazine		208	177	123	82	22	3	0

—△— Nivolumab (events: 50/210), median and 95% CI: N.A.
 ---○--- Dacarbazine (events: 96/208), median and 95% CI: 10.84 (9.33, 12.09)

The observed OS benefit was consistently demonstrated across subgroups of patients including baseline ECOG performance status, M stage, history of brain metastases, and baseline LDH level. Survival benefit was observed regardless of whether patients had tumours that were designated PD-L1 negative or PD-L1 positive (tumour membrane expression cut off of 5% or 10%).

Data available indicate that the onset of nivolumab effect is delayed such that benefit of nivolumab above chemotherapy may take 2-3 months.

Efficacy results are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Efficacy Results (CA209066)

	nivolumab (n = 210)	dacarbazine (n = 208)
Overall survival		
Events	50 (23.8%)	96 (46.2%)
Hazard ratio		0.42
99.79% CI		(0.25, 0.73)
95% CI		(0.30, 0.60)
p-value		< 0.0001
Median (95% CI)	Not reached	10.8 (9.33, 12.09)
Rate (95% CI)		
At 6 months	84.1 (78.3, 88.5)	71.8 (64.9, 77.6)
At 12 months	72.9 (65.5, 78.9)	42.1 (33.0, 50.9)
Progression-free survival		
Events	108 (51.4%)	163 (78.4%)
Hazard ratio		0.43
95% CI		(0.34, 0.56)
p-value		< 0.0001
Median (95% CI)	5.1 (3.48, 10.81)	2.2 (2.10, 2.40)
Rate (95% CI)		
At 6 months	48.0 (40.8, 54.9)	18.5 (13.1, 24.6)
At 12 months	41.8 (34.0, 49.3)	NA
Objective response		
(95% CI)	84 (40.0%) (33.3, 47.0)	29 (13.9%) (9.5, 19.4)
Odds ratio (95% CI)		4.06 (2.52, 6.54)
p-value		< 0.0001
Complete response (CR)	16 (7.6%)	2 (1.0%)
Partial response (PR)	68 (32.4%)	27 (13.0%)
Stable disease (SD)	35 (16.7%)	46 (22.1%)
Median duration of response		
Months (range)	Not reached (0 ⁺ -12.5 ⁺)	6.0 (1.1-10.0 ⁺)
Median time to response		
Months (range)	2.1 (1.2-7.6)	2.1 (1.8-3.6)

“⁺” denotes a censored observation.

Randomised phase 3 study vs. chemotherapy (CA209037)

The safety and efficacy of nivolumab 3 mg/kg for the treatment of advanced (unresectable or metastatic) melanoma were evaluated in a phase 3, randomised, open-label study (CA209037). The study included adult patients who had progressed on or after ipilimumab and if BRAF V600 mutation positive had also progressed on or after BRAF kinase inhibitor therapy. Patients with active autoimmune disease, ocular melanoma or a known history of prior ipilimumab-related high-grade (Grade 4 per CTCAE v4.0) adverse reactions, except for resolved nausea, fatigue, infusion reactions, or endocrinopathies, were excluded from the study.

A total of 405 patients were randomised to receive either nivolumab (n = 272) administered intravenously over 60 minutes at 3 mg/kg every 2 weeks or chemotherapy (n = 133) which consisted of the investigator's choice of either dacarbazine (1000 mg/m² every 3 weeks) or carboplatin (AUC 6 every 3 weeks) and paclitaxel (175 mg/m² every 3 weeks). Randomisation was stratified by BRAF and tumour PD-L1 status and best response to prior ipilimumab.

The co-primary efficacy outcome measures were confirmed ORR in the first 120 patients treated with nivolumab, as measured by independent radiology review committee (IRRC) using RECIST, version 1.1, and comparison of OS of nivolumab to chemotherapy. Additional outcome measures included duration and timing of response.

The median age was 60 years (range: 23-88). Sixty-four percent of patients were men and 98% were white. ECOG performance scores were 0 for 61% of patients and 1 for 39% of patients. The majority (75%) of patients had M1c stage disease at study entry. Seventy-three percent of patients had cutaneous melanoma and 10% had mucosal melanoma. The number of prior systemic regimen received was 1 for 27% of patients, 2 for 51% of patients, and > 2 for 21% of patients. Twenty-two percent of patients had tumours that tested BRAF mutation positive and 50% of patients had tumours that were considered PD-L1 positive. Sixty-four percent of patients had no prior clinical benefit (CR/PR or SD) on ipilimumab. Baseline characteristics were balanced between groups except for the proportions of patients who had a history of brain metastasis (19% and 13% in the nivolumab group and chemotherapy group, respectively) and patients with LDH greater than ULN at baseline (51% and 35%, respectively).

At the time of this final ORR analysis, results from 120 nivolumab-treated patients and 47 chemotherapy-treated patients who had a minimum of 6 months of follow-up were analysed. Efficacy results are presented in Table 4.

Table 4: Best overall response, time and duration of response (CA209037)

	nivolumab (n = 120)	chemotherapy (n = 47)
Confirmed objective response (IRRC) (95% CI)	38 (31.7%) (23.5, 40.8)	5 (10.6%) (3.5, 23.1)
Complete response (CR)	4 (3.3%)	0
Partial response (PR)	34 (28.3%)	5 (10.6%)
Stable disease (SD)	28 (23.3%)	16 (34.0%)
Median Duration of Response Months (range)	Not Reached	3.6 (Not available)
Median Time to Response Months (range)	2.1 (1.6-7.4)	3.5 (2.1-6.1)

Data available indicate that the onset of nivolumab effect is delayed such that benefit of nivolumab above chemotherapy may take 2-3 months.

Updated analysis (24-month follow-up)

Among all randomised patients, the ORR was 27.2% (95% CI: 22.0, 32.9) in the nivolumab group and 9.8% (95% CI: 5.3, 16.1) in the chemotherapy group. Median durations of response were 31.9 months (range: 1.4⁺-31.9) and 12.8 months (range: 1.3⁺-13.6⁺), respectively. The PFS HR for nivolumab vs. chemotherapy was 1.03 (95% CI: 0.78, 1.36). The ORR and PFS were assessed by IRRC per RECIST version 1.1.

There was no statistically significant difference between nivolumab and chemotherapy in the final OS analysis. The primary OS analysis was not adjusted to account for subsequent therapies, with 54 (40.6%) patients in the chemotherapy arm subsequently receiving an anti-PD1 treatment. OS may be confounded by dropout, imbalance of subsequent therapies and differences in baseline factors. More patients in the nivolumab arm had poor prognostic factors (elevated LDH and brain metastases) than in the chemotherapy arm.

Efficacy by BRAF status: Objective responses to nivolumab (according to the definition of the co-primary endpoint) were observed in patients with or without BRAF mutation-positive melanoma. The ORRs in the BRAF mutation-positive subgroup were 17% (95% CI: 8.4, 29.0) for nivolumab and 11% (95% CI: 2.4, 29.2) for chemotherapy, and in the BRAF wild-type subgroup were 30% (95% CI: 24.0, 36.7) and 9% (95% CI: 4.6, 16.7), respectively.

The PFS HRs for nivolumab vs. chemotherapy were 1.58 (95% CI: 0.87, 2.87) for BRAF mutation-positive patients and 0.82 (95% CI: 0.60, 1.12) for BRAF wild-type patients. The OS HRs for

nivolumab vs. chemotherapy were 1.32 (95% CI: 0.75, 2.32) for BRAF mutation-positive patients and 0.83 (95% CI: 0.62, 1.11) for BRAF wild-type patients.

Efficacy by tumour PD-L1 expression: Objective responses to nivolumab were observed regardless of tumour PD-L1 expression. However, the role of this biomarker (tumour PD-L1 expression) has not been fully elucidated.

In patients with tumour PD-L1 expression $\geq 1\%$, ORR was 33.5% for nivolumab (n=179; 95% CI: 26.7, 40.9) and 13.5% for chemotherapy (n=74; 95% CI: 6.7, 23.5). In patients with tumour PD-L1 expression $< 1\%$, ORR per IRRC was 13.0% (n=69; 95% CI: 6.1, 23.3) and 12.0% (n=25; 95% CI: 2.5, 31.2), respectively.

The PFS HRs for nivolumab vs. chemotherapy were 0.76 (95% CI: 0.54, 1.07) in patients with tumour PD-L1 expression $\geq 1\%$ and 1.92 (95% CI: 1.05, 3.5) in patients with tumour PD-L1 expression $< 1\%$.

The OS HRs for nivolumab vs. chemotherapy were 0.69 (95% CI: 0.49, 0.96) in patients with tumour PD-L1 expression $\geq 1\%$ and 1.52 (95% CI: 0.89, 2.57) in patients with tumour PD-L1 expression $< 1\%$.

These subgroup analyses should be interpreted with caution given the small size of the subgroups and lack of statistically significant difference in OS in the all randomised population.

Open-label phase 1 dose-escalation study (MDX1106-03)

The safety and tolerability of nivolumab were investigated in a phase 1, open-label dose-escalation study in various tumour types, including malignant melanoma. Of the 306 previously treated patients enrolled in the study, 107 had melanoma and received nivolumab at a dose of 0.1 mg/kg, 0.3 mg/kg, 1 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, or 10 mg/kg for a maximum of 2 years. In this patient population, objective response was reported in 33 patients (31%) with a median duration of response of 22.9 months (95% CI: 17.0, NR). The median PFS was 3.7 months (95% CI: 1.9, 9.3). The median OS was 17.3 months (95% CI: 12.5, 37.8), and the estimated OS rates were 42% (95% CI: 32, 51) at 3 years, 35% (95% CI: 26, 44) at 4 years, and 34% (95% CI: 25, 43) at 5 years (minimum follow-up of 45 months).

Randomised phase 3 study of nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab or nivolumab as monotherapy vs. ipilimumab as monotherapy (CA209067)

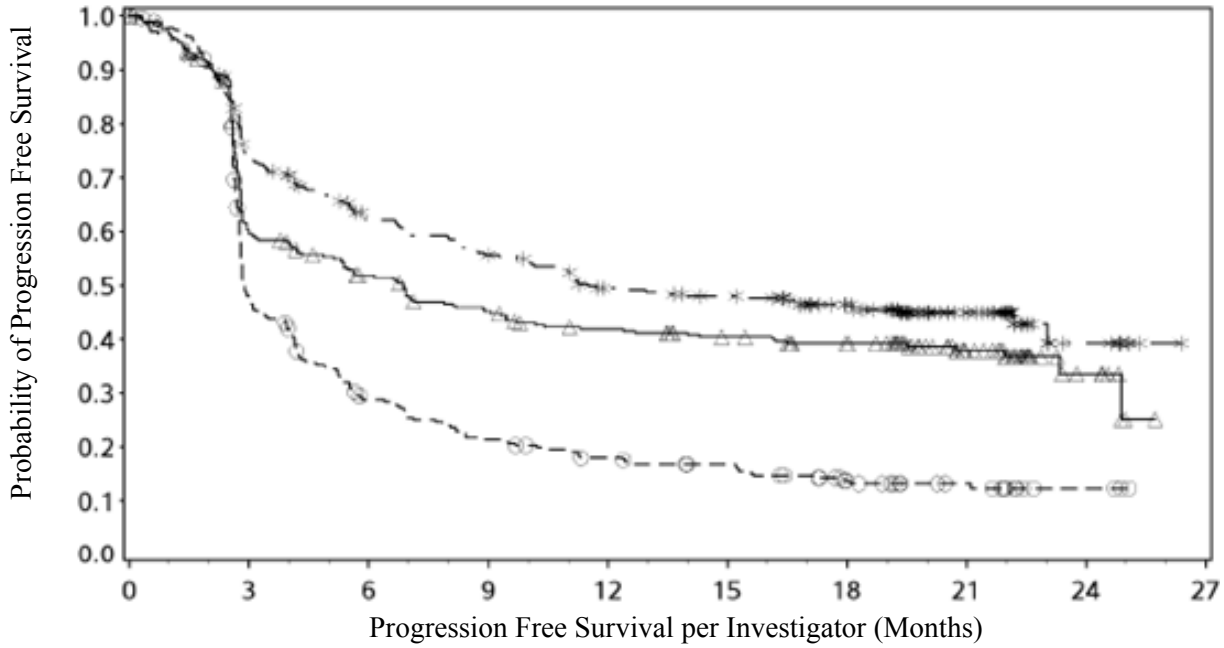
The safety and efficacy of nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab or nivolumab vs. ipilimumab monotherapy for the treatment of advanced (unresectable or metastatic) melanoma were evaluated in a phase 3, randomised, double-blind study (CA209067). The differences between the two nivolumab-containing groups were evaluated descriptively. The study included adult patients with confirmed unresectable Stage III or Stage IV melanoma. Patients were to have ECOG performance status score of 0 or 1. Patients who had not received prior systemic anticancer therapy for unresectable or metastatic melanoma were enrolled. Prior adjuvant or neoadjuvant therapy was allowed if it was completed at least 6 weeks prior to randomisation. Patients with active autoimmune disease, ocular/uveal melanoma, or active brain or leptomeningeal metastases were excluded from the study.

A total of 945 patients were randomised to receive nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab (n = 314), nivolumab monotherapy (n = 316), or ipilimumab monotherapy (n = 315). Patients in the combination arm received nivolumab 1 mg/kg over 60 minutes and ipilimumab 3 mg/kg over 90 minutes administered intravenously every 3 weeks for the first 4 doses, followed by nivolumab 3 mg/kg as monotherapy every 2 weeks. Patients in the nivolumab monotherapy arm received nivolumab 3 mg/kg every 2 weeks. Patients in the comparator arm received ipilimumab 3 mg/kg and nivolumab-matched placebo intravenously every 3 weeks for 4 doses followed by placebo every 2 weeks. Randomisation was stratified by PD-L1 expression ($\geq 5\%$ vs. $< 5\%$ tumour cell membrane expression), BRAF status, and M stage per the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) staging system. Treatment was continued as long as clinical benefit was observed or until treatment was no longer tolerated. Tumour assessments were conducted 12 weeks after randomisation then every 6 weeks for the first year, and every 12 weeks thereafter. The co-primary outcome measures were progression-free survival and OS. ORR and the duration of response were also assessed.

Baseline characteristics were balanced across the three treatment groups. The median age was 61 years (range: 18 to 90 years), 65% of patients were men, and 97% were white. ECOG performance status score was 0 (73%) or 1 (27%). The majority of the patients had AJCC Stage IV disease (93%); 58% had M1c disease at study entry. Twenty-two percent of patients had received prior adjuvant therapy. Thirty-two percent of patients had BRAF mutation-positive melanoma; 26.5% of patients had PD-L1 \geq 5% tumour cell membrane expression. Four percent of patients had a history of brain metastasis, and 36% of patients had a baseline LDH level greater than ULN at study entry. Among patients with quantifiable tumour PD-L1 expression, the distribution of patients was balanced across the three treatment groups. Tumour PD-L1 expression was determined using the PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx assay.

Minimum follow up was 18 months. Overall survival was not mature at time of this analysis. PFS results are shown in Figure 2 (all randomised population), Figure 3 (at the tumour PD-L1 5% cut-off), and Figure 4 (at the tumour PD-L1 1% cut-off). Responses are summarised in Table 5.

Figure 2: Progression-free survival (CA209067)



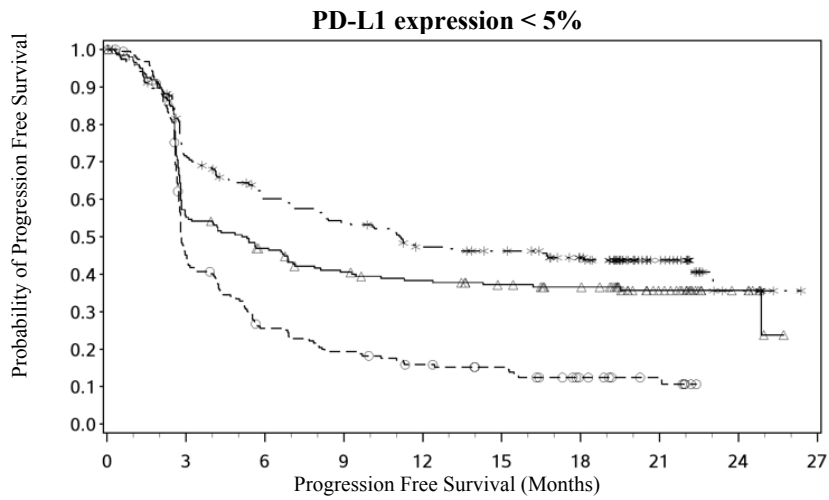
Number of Subjects at Risk

Nivolumab + Ipilimumab									
314	219	174	156	133	126	103	48	8	0
Nivolumab									
316	177	148	127	114	104	94	46	8	0
Ipilimumab									
315	137	78	58	46	40	25	15	3	0

- *--- Nivolumab+ipilimumab (events: 161/314), median and 95% CI: 11.50 (8.90, 22.18).
PFS rate at 12 months and 95% CI: 49% (44, 55)
- △— Nivolumab (events: 183/316), median and 95% CI: 6.87 (4.34, 9.46).
PFS rate at 12 months and 95% CI: 42% (36, 47)
- Ipilimumab (events: 245/315), median and 95% CI: 2.89 (2.79, 3.42).
PFS rate at 12 months and 95% CI: 18% (14, 23)

Nivolumab+ipilimumab vs. ipilimumab (primary analysis) - HR (99.5% CI): 0.42 (0.32, 0.56); p-value: < 0.0001
 Nivolumab vs. ipilimumab (primary analysis) - HR (99.5% CI): 0.55 (0.42, 0.73); p-value: < 0.0001
 Nivolumab+ipilimumab vs. nivolumab (descriptive analysis) - HR (95% CI): 0.76 (0.62, 0.95)

Figure 3: Progression-free survival by PD-L1 expression: 5% cutoff (CA209067)



Number of Subjects at Risk

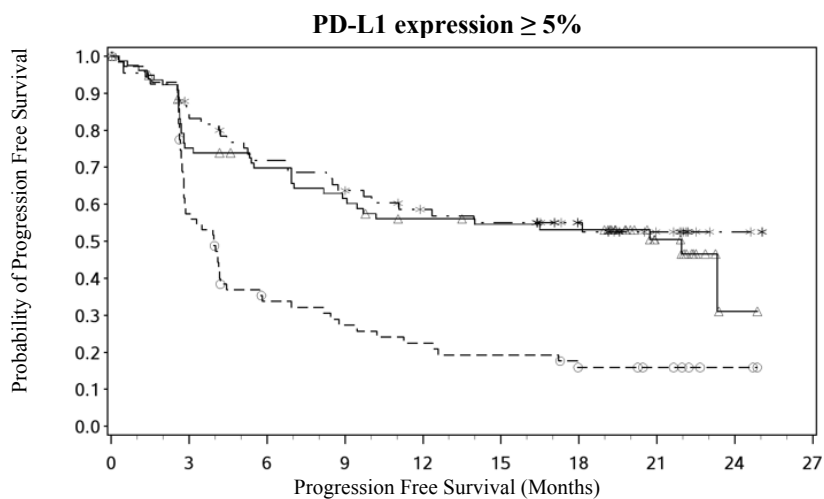
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	210	142	113	101	86	81	69	31	5	0
Nivolumab	208	108	89	75	69	62	55	29	7	0
Ipilimumab	202	82	45	34	26	22	12	7	0	0

- *--- Nivolumab+Ipilimumab (events: 111/210), median and 95% CI: 11.10 (7.98, 22.18)
- △— Nivolumab (events: 125/208), median and 95% CI: 5.32 (2.83, 7.06)
- Ipilimumab (events: 159/202), median and 95% CI: 2.83 (2.76, 3.09)

Nivolumab+Ipilimumab vs. Ipilimumab - hazard ratio: 0.42 (0.33, 0.54)

Nivolumab vs. Ipilimumab - hazard ratio: 0.57 (0.45, 0.72)

Nivolumab+Ipilimumab vs. Nivolumab - hazard ratio: 0.74 (0.58, 0.96)



Number of Subjects at Risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	68	53	44	39	33	31	22	13	3	0
Nivolumab	80	57	51	45	39	37	36	16	1	0
Ipilimumab	75	40	21	17	14	12	8	6	2	0

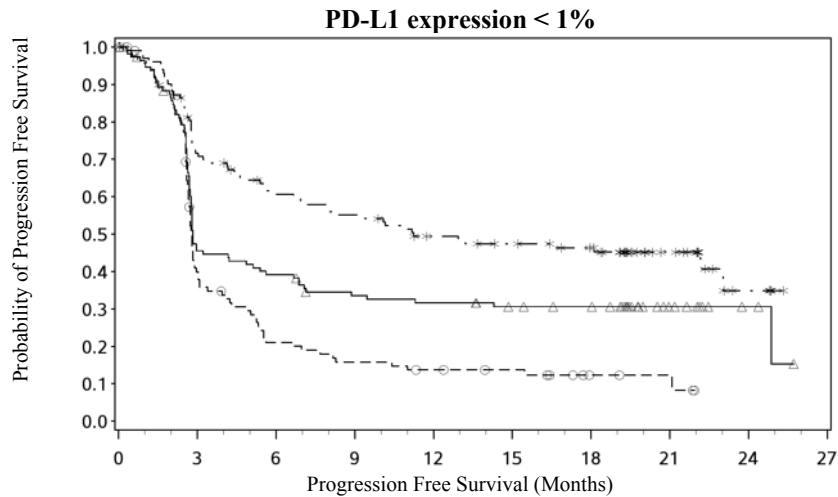
- *--- Nivolumab+Ipilimumab (events: 29/68), median and 95% CI: N.A. (9.72, N.A.)
- △— Nivolumab (events: 38/80), median and 95% CI: 21.95 (8.90, N.A.)
- Ipilimumab (events: 57/75), median and 95% CI: 3.94 (2.79, 4.21)

Nivolumab+Ipilimumab vs. Ipilimumab - hazard ratio: 0.35 (0.22, 0.55)

Nivolumab vs. Ipilimumab - hazard ratio: 0.41 (0.27, 0.62)

Nivolumab+Ipilimumab vs. Nivolumab - hazard ratio: 0.87 (0.54, 1.41)

Figure 4: Progression-free survival by PD-L1 expression: 1% cutoff (CA209067)

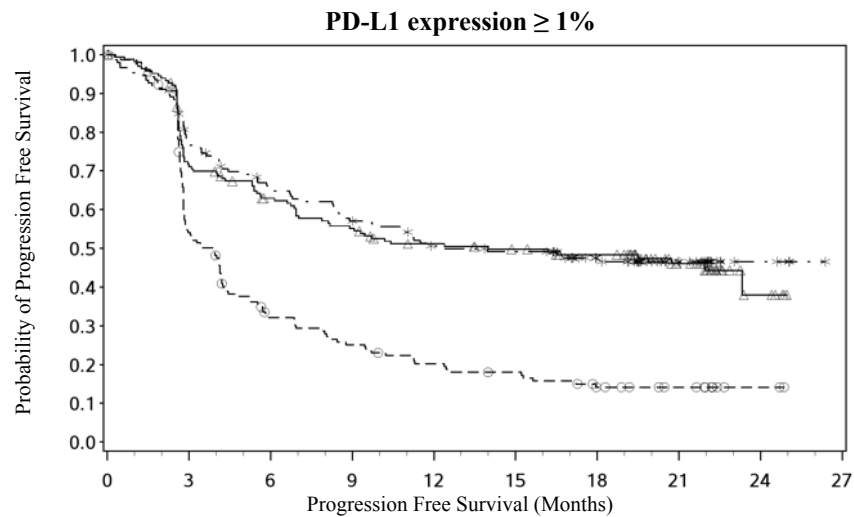


Number of Subjects at Risk

Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	123	82	65	59	50	46	41	18	4	0
Nivolumab	117	50	43	35	33	29	27	11	3	0
Ipilimumab	113	39	20	15	12	10	4	3	0	0

- *--- Nivolumab+Ipilimumab (events: 63/123), median and 95% CI: 11.24 (6.93, 23.03)
- △— Nivolumab (events: 77/117), median and 95% CI: 2.83 (2.76, 5.13)
- Ipilimumab (events: 87/113), median and 95% CI: 2.79 (2.66, 2.96)

Nivolumab+Ipilimumab vs. Ipilimumab - hazard ratio: 0.39 (0.28, 0.54)
 Nivolumab vs. Ipilimumab - hazard ratio: 0.65 (0.48, 0.88)
 Nivolumab+Ipilimumab vs. Nivolumab - hazard ratio: 0.60 (0.43, 0.84)



Number of Subjects at Risk

Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	155	113	92	81	69	66	50	26	4	0
Nivolumab	171	115	97	85	75	70	64	34	5	0
Ipilimumab	164	83	46	36	28	24	16	10	2	0

- *--- Nivolumab+Ipilimumab (events: 77/155), median and 95% CI: 12.35 (8.74, N.A.)
- △— Nivolumab (events: 86/171), median and 95% CI: 14.00 (7.03, N.A.)
- Ipilimumab (events: 129/164), median and 95% CI: 3.91 (2.83, 4.17)

Nivolumab+Ipilimumab vs. Ipilimumab - hazard ratio: 0.42 (0.31, 0.55)
 Nivolumab vs. Ipilimumab - hazard ratio: 0.44 (0.34, 0.58)
 Nivolumab+Ipilimumab vs. Nivolumab - hazard ratio: 0.94 (0.69, 1.28)

Table 5: Objective response (CA209067)

	nivolumab + ipilimumab (n = 314)	nivolumab (n = 316)	ipilimumab (n = 315)
Objective response	181 (58%)	138 (44%)	60 (19%)
(95% CI)	(52.0, 63.2)	(38.1, 49.3)	(14.9, 23.8)
Odds ratio (vs. ipilimumab)	6.09	3.40	
(99.5% CI)	(3.59, 10.33)	(2.02, 5.72)	
p-value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	
Complete response (CR)	38 (12%)	31 (10%)	7 (2%)
Partial response (PR)	143 (46%)	107 (34%)	53 (17%)
Stable disease (SD)	41 (13%)	33 (10%)	69 (22%)
Median duration of response			
Months (range)	Not reached (0 ⁺ -24 ⁺)	22.3 (0 ⁺ -23 ⁺)	14.4 (1.4-22.3 ⁺)
ORR (95% CI) by tumour PD-L1 expression level			
< 5%	55% (47.8, 61.6) n = 210	41% (34.6, 48.4) n = 208	18% (12.8, 23.8) n = 202
≥ 5%	72% (59.9, 82.3) n = 68	58% (45.9, 68.5) n = 80	21% (12.7, 32.3) n = 75
< 1%	52% (42.8, 61.1) n = 123	33% (24.9, 42.6) n = 117	19% (11.9, 27.0) n = 113
≥ 1%	65% (56.4, 72.0) n = 155	54% (46.6, 62.0) n = 171	19% (13.2, 25.7) n = 164

Both nivolumab-containing arms demonstrated a significant PFS benefit and greater ORR compared with ipilimumab alone, and the observed PFS and ORR results at 12 months of follow-up were consistently demonstrated across subgroups of patients including baseline ECOG performance status, BRAF status, M stage, age, history of brain metastases, and baseline LDH level.

Among 128 patients who discontinued nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab due to adverse reaction, median PFS was 16.7 months (95% CI: 10.2, NA), and the ORR was 69% (88/128) with 15% (19/128) achieving a complete response.

Both nivolumab-containing arms demonstrated greater objective response rates than ipilimumab regardless of PD-L1 expression levels. ORRs were higher for the combination of nivolumab and ipilimumab relative to nivolumab monotherapy across tumour PD-L1 expression levels (Table 5). Median durations of response for patients with tumour PD-L1 expression level ≥ 5% were not reached (range: 0⁺-22.3⁺) in the combination arm, 20.8 months (range: 2.8-20.8) in the nivolumab monotherapy arm and not reached (range: 1.4-19.9⁺) in the ipilimumab arm. At tumour PD-L1 expression < 5%, median durations of response were not reached (range: 0⁺-24⁺) in the combination arm, 22.3 months (range: 0⁺-23⁺) in the nivolumab monotherapy arm and 18.2 months (range: 1.4-19.8⁺) in the ipilimumab monotherapy arm.

No clear cutoff for PD-L1 expression can reliably be established when considering the relevant endpoints of tumour response and PFS. Results from post-hoc, exploratory multivariate analyses indicate that other patient and tumour characteristics (e.g., ECOG performance status, M stage, AJCC stage, gender, region and baseline LDH) might contribute to the clinical outcome.

Efficacy by BRAF status: BRAF[V600] mutation-positive and BRAF wild-type patients randomised to nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab had a median PFS of 15.5 months (95% CI: 8.0, NA) and 11.3 months (95% CI: 8.3, 22.2), and ORR of 66.7% (95% CI: 56.6, 75.7; n = 102) and 53.3% (95% CI: 46.3, 60.2; n = 212), respectively while those randomised to nivolumab monotherapy had a

median PFS of 5.6 months (95% CI: 2.8, 9.3) and 7.1 months (95% CI: 4.9, 14.3) and ORR of 36.7% (95% CI: 27.2, 47.1; n = 98) and 46.8% (95% CI: 40.0, 53.6; n = 218), respectively.

Randomised phase 2 study of nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab and ipilimumab (CA209069)

Study CA209069 was a randomised, Phase 2, double-blind study comparing the combination of nivolumab and ipilimumab with ipilimumab alone in 142 patients with advanced (unresectable or metastatic) melanoma with similar inclusion criteria to study CA209067 and the primary analysis in patients with BRAF wild-type melanoma (77% of patients). Investigator assessed ORR was 61% (95% CI: 48.9, 72.4) in the combination arm (n = 72) versus 11% (95% CI: 3.0, 25.4) for the ipilimumab arm (n = 37). The estimated 12 and 18 month OS rates were 79% (95% CI: 67, 87) and 73% (95% CI: 61, 82) respectively for the combination and 62% (95% CI: 44, 75) and 56% (95% CI: 39, 70) respectively for ipilimumab.

Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

Squamous NSCLC

Randomised phase 3 study vs. docetaxel (CA209017)

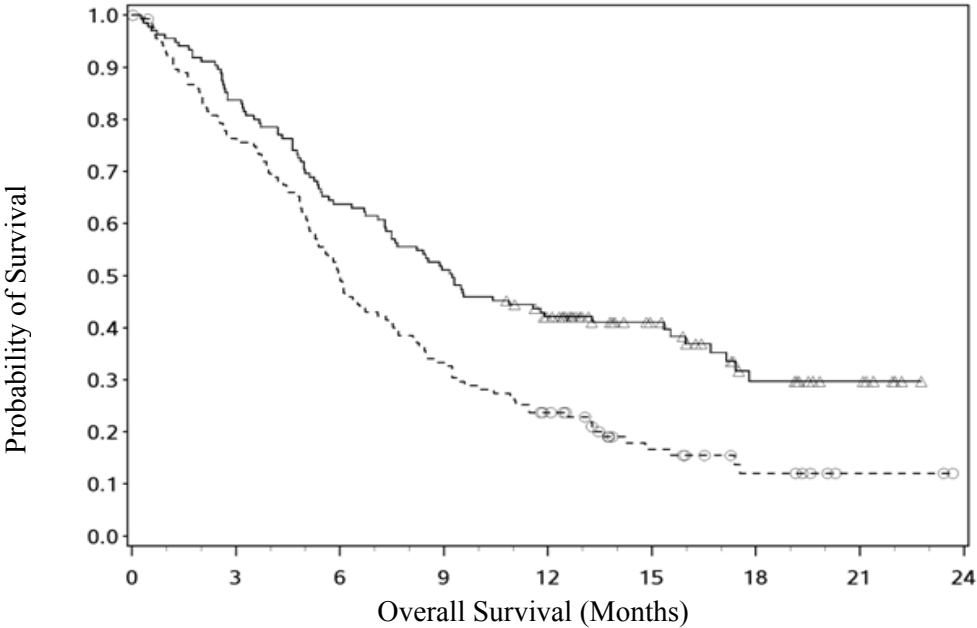
The safety and efficacy of nivolumab 3 mg/kg as a single agent for the treatment of advanced or metastatic squamous NSCLC were evaluated in a phase 3, randomised, open-label study (CA209017). The study included patients (18 years or older) who have experienced disease progression during or after one prior platinum doublet-based chemotherapy regimen and an ECOG performance status score of 0 or 1. Patients were enrolled regardless of their tumour PD-L1 status. Patients with active autoimmune disease, symptomatic interstitial lung disease, or untreated brain metastasis were excluded from the study. Patients with treated brain metastases were eligible if neurologically returned to baseline at least 2 weeks prior to enrolment, and either off corticosteroids, or on a stable or decreasing dose of < 10 mg daily prednisone equivalents.

A total of 272 patients were randomised to receive either nivolumab 3 mg/kg (n = 135) administered intravenously over 60 minutes every 2 weeks or docetaxel (n = 137) 75 mg/m² every 3 weeks. Treatment was continued as long as clinical benefit was observed or until treatment was no longer tolerated. Tumour assessments, according to the RECIST, version 1.1, were conducted 9 weeks after randomisation and continued every 6 weeks thereafter. The primary efficacy outcome measure was OS. Key secondary efficacy outcome measures were investigator-assessed ORR and PFS. In addition, symptom improvement and overall health status were assessed using the Lung Cancer Symptom Score (LCSS) average symptom burden index and the EQ-5D Visual Analogue Scale (EQ-VAS), respectively.

Baseline characteristics were generally balanced between the two groups. The median age was 63 years (range: 39-85) with 44% ≥65 years of age and 11% ≥75 years of age. The majority of patients were white (93%) and male (76%). Thirty-one percent had progressive disease reported as the best response to their most recent prior regimen and 45% received nivolumab within 3 months of completing their most recent prior regimen. Baseline ECOG performance status score was 0 (24%) or 1 (76%).

The Kaplan-Meier curves for OS are shown in Figure 5.

Figure 5: Kaplan-Meier curves of OS (CA209017)



Number of Subjects at Risk									
Nivolumab 3 mg/kg									
	135	113	86	69	52	31	15	7	0
Docetaxel									
	137	103	68	45	30	14	7	2	0

—△— Nivolumab 3 mg/kg (events: 86/135), median and 95% CI: 9.23 (7.33, 13.27)

---○--- Docetaxel (events: 113/137), median and 95% CI: 6.01 (5.13, 7.33)

The observed OS benefit was consistently demonstrated across subgroups of patients. Survival benefit was observed regardless of whether patients had tumours that were designated PD-L1 negative or PD-L1 positive (tumour membrane expression cut off of 1%, 5% or 10%). However, the role of this biomarker (tumour PD-L1 expression) has not been fully elucidated. With a minimum of 24.2 months follow-up, OS benefit remains consistently demonstrated across subgroups.

Study CA209017 included a limited number of patients ≥ 75 years (11 in the nivolumab group and 18 in the docetaxel group). Nivolumab showed numerically less effect on OS (HR 1.85; 95% CI: 0.76, 4.51), PFS (HR=1.76; 95%-CI: 0.77, 4.05) and ORR (9.1% vs. 16.7%). Because of the small sample size, no definitive conclusions can be drawn from these data.

Efficacy results are shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Efficacy results (CA209017)

	nivolumab (n = 135)	docetaxel (n = 137)
Primary analysis		
Minimum follow-up: 10.6 months		
Overall survival		
Events	86 (63.7%)	113 (82.5%)
Hazard ratio		0.59
96.85% CI		(0.43, 0.81)
p-value		0.0002
Median (95% CI) months	9.23 (7.33, 13.27)	6.01 (5.13, 7.33)
Rate (95% CI) at 12 months	42.1 (33.7, 50.3)	23.7 (16.9, 31.1)
Confirmed objective response		
(95% CI)	27 (20.0%) (13.6, 27.7)	12 (8.8%) (4.6, 14.8)
Odds ratio (95% CI)		2.64 (1.27, 5.49)
p-value		0.0083
Complete response (CR)	1 (0.7%)	0
Partial response (PR)	26 (19.3%)	12 (8.8%)
Stable disease (SD)	39 (28.9%)	47 (34.3%)
Median duration of response		
Months (range)	Not reached (2.9-20.5 ⁺)	8.4 (1.4 ⁺ -15.2 ⁺)
Median time to response		
Months (range)	2.2 (1.6-11.8)	2.1 (1.8-9.5)
Progression-free survival		
Events	105 (77.8%)	122 (89.1%)
Hazard ratio		0.62
95% CI		(0.47, 0.81)
p-value		< 0.0004
Median (95% CI) (months)	3.48 (2.14, 4.86)	2.83 (2.10, 3.52)
Rate (95% CI) at 12 months	20.8 (14.0, 28.4)	6.4 (2.9, 11.8)
Updated analysis		
Minimum follow-up: 24.2 months		
Overall survival^a		
Events	110 (81.4%)	128 (93.4%)
Hazard ratio		0.62
95% CI		(0.47, 0.80)
Rate (95% CI) at 24 months	22.9 (16.2, 30.3)	8 (4.3, 13.3)
Confirmed objective response		
(95% CI)	20.0% (13.6, 27.7)	8.8% (4.6, 14.8)
Median duration of response		
Months (range)	25.2 (2.9-30.4)	8.4 (1.4 ⁺ -18.0 ⁺)
Progression-free survival		
Rate (95% CI) at 24 months	15.6 (9.7, 22.7)	All patients had either progressed, were censored, or lost to follow-up

^a Six patients (4%) randomised to docetaxel crossed over at any time to receive nivolumab treatment.

“+” Denotes a censored observation.

The rate of disease-related symptom improvement, as measured by LCSS, was similar between the nivolumab group (18.5%) and the docetaxel group (21.2%). The average EQ-VAS increased over time for both treatment groups, indicating better overall health status for patients remaining on treatment.

Single-arm phase 2 study (CA209063)

Study CA209063 was a single-arm, open-label study conducted in 117 patients with locally advanced or metastatic squamous NSCLC after two or more lines of therapy; otherwise similar inclusion criteria as study CA209017 were applied. Nivolumab 3 mg/kg showed an overall response rate of 14.5% (95% CI: 8.7,22.2%), a median OS of 8.21 months (95% CI: 6.05,10.9), and a median PFS of 1.87 months (95% CI 1.77,3.15). The PFS was measured by RECIST, version 1.1. The estimated 1-year survival rate was 41%.

Non-squamous NSCLC

Randomised phase 3 study vs. docetaxel (CA209057)

The safety and efficacy of nivolumab 3 mg/kg as a single agent for the treatment of advanced or metastatic non-squamous NSCLC were evaluated in a phase 3, randomised, open-label study (CA209057). The study included patients (18 years or older) who have experienced disease progression during or after one prior platinum doublet-based chemotherapy regimen which may have included maintenance therapy and who had an ECOG performance status score of 0 or 1. An additional line of TKI therapy was allowed for patients with known EGFR mutation or ALK translocation. Patients were enrolled regardless of their tumour PD-L1 status. Patients with active autoimmune disease, symptomatic interstitial lung disease, or untreated brain metastasis were excluded from the study. Patients with treated brain metastases were eligible if neurologically returned to baseline at least 2 weeks prior to enrolment, and either off corticosteroids, or on a stable or decreasing dose of < 10 mg daily prednisone equivalents.

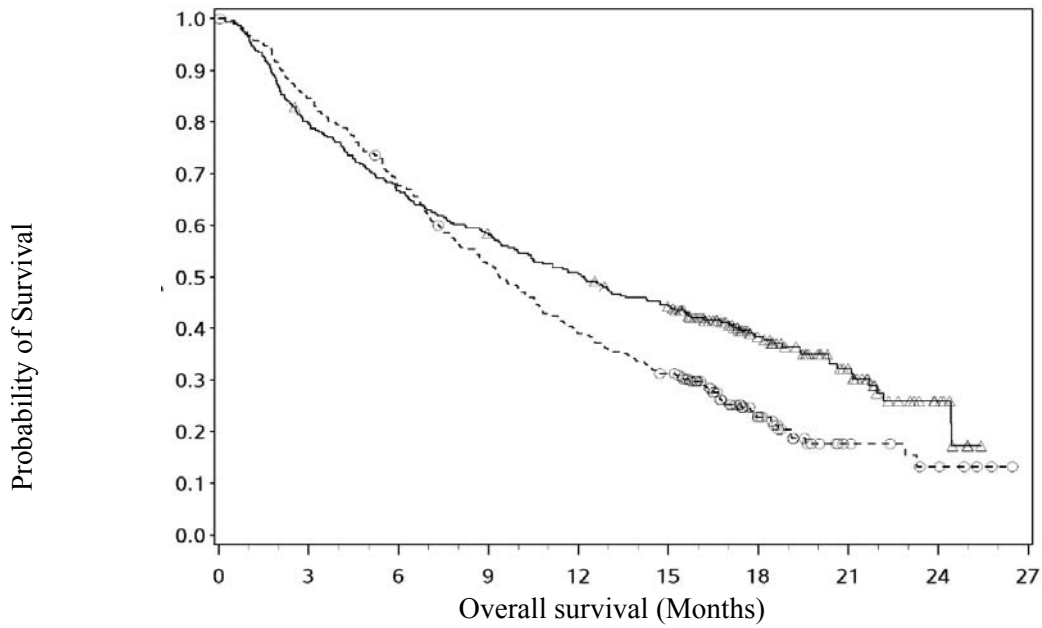
A total of 582 patients were randomised to receive either nivolumab 3 mg/kg administered intravenously over 60 minutes every 2 weeks (n = 292) or docetaxel 75 mg/m² every 3 weeks (n = 290). Treatment was continued as long as clinical benefit was observed or until treatment was no longer tolerated. Tumour assessments were conducted according to the RECIST version 1.1. The primary efficacy outcome measure was OS. Key secondary efficacy outcome measures were investigator-assessed ORR and PFS. Additional prespecified subgroup analyses were conducted to evaluate the efficacy of tumour PD-L1 expression at predefined levels of 1%, 5% and 10%. Assessment according to discrete PD-L1 expression intervals were not included in the prespecified analyses due to the small sample sizes within the intervals.

Pre-study tumour tissue specimens were systematically collected prior to randomisation in order to conduct pre-planned analyses of efficacy according to tumour PD-L1 expression. Tumour PD-L1 expression was determined using the PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx assay.

The median age was 62 years (range: 21 to 85) with 34% ≥65 years of age and 7% ≥75 years of age. The majority of patients were white (92%) and male (55%). Baseline ECOG performance status was 0 (31%) or 1 (69%). Seventy-nine percent of patients were former/current smokers.

The Kaplan-Meier curves for OS are shown in Figure 6.

Figure 6: Kaplan-Meier curves of OS (CA209057)



Number of Subjects at Risk

Nivolumab 3 mg/kg

292 232 194 169 146 123 62 32 9 0

Docetaxel

290 244 194 150 111 88 34 10 5 0

—△— Nivolumab 3 mg/kg (events: 190/292), median and 95% CI: 12.19 (9.66, 14.98)

- -○- - Docetaxel (events: 223/290), median and 95% CI: 9.36 (8.05, 10.68)

The trial demonstrated a statistically significant improvement in OS for patients randomised to nivolumab as compared with docetaxel at the prespecified interim analysis when 413 events were observed (93% of the planned number of events for final analysis). Efficacy results are shown in Table 7.

Table 7: Efficacy results (CA209057)

	nivolumab (n = 292)	docetaxel (n = 290)
Prespecified interim analysis Minimum follow-up: 13.2 months		
Overall survival		
Events	190 (65.1%)	223 (76.9%)
Hazard ratio ^a (95.92% CI)		0.73 (0.59, 0.89)
p-value ^b		0.0015
Median (95% CI) months	12.19 (9.66, 14.98)	9.36 (8.05, 10.68)
Rate (95% CI) at 12 months	50.5 (44.6, 56.1)	39.0 (33.3, 44.6)
Confirmed objective response		
(95% CI)	56 (19.2%) (14.8, 24.2)	36 (12.4%) (8.8, 16.8)
Odds ratio (95% CI)		1.68 (1.07, 2.64)
p-value		0.0246
Complete response (CR)	4 (1.4%)	1 (0.3%)
Partial response (PR)	52 (17.8%)	35 (12.1%)
Stable disease (SD)	74 (25.3%)	122 (42.1%)
Median duration of response		
Months (range)	17.15 (1.8-22.6 ⁺)	5.55 (1.2 ⁺ -15.2 ⁺)
Median time to response		
Months (range)	2.10 (1.2-8.6)	2.61 (1.4-6.3)
Progression-free survival		
Events	234 (80.1%)	245 (84.5%)
Hazard ratio 95% CI		0.92 (0.77, 1.11)
p-value		0.3932
Median (95% CI) (months)	2.33 (2.17, 3.32)	4.21 (3.45, 4.86)
Rate (95% CI) at 12 months	18.5 (14.1, 23.4)	8.1 (5.1, 12.0)
Updated analysis Minimum follow-up: 24.2 months		
Overall survival^c		
Events	228 (78.1%)	247 (85.1%)
Hazard ratio ^a (95% CI)		0.75 (0.63, 0.91)
Rate (95% CI) at 24 months	28.7 (23.6, 34.0)	15.8 (11.9, 20.3)
Confirmed objective response		
(95% CI)	19.2% (14.8, 24.2)	12.4% (8.8, 16.8)
Median duration of response		
Months (range)	17.2 (1.8-33.7 ⁺)	5.6 (1.2 ⁺ -16.8)
Progression-free survival		
Rate (95% CI) at 24 months	11.9 (8.3, 16.2)	1.0 (0.2, 3.3)

^a Derived from a stratified proportional hazards model.

^b P-value is derived from a log-rank test stratified by prior maintenance therapy and line of therapy; the corresponding O'Brien-Fleming efficacy boundary significance level is 0.0408.

^c Sixteen patients (6%) randomised to docetaxel crossed over at any time to receive nivolumab treatment.

“+” Denotes a censored observation.

Quantifiable tumour PD-L1 expression was measured in 79% of patients in the nivolumab group and 77% of patients in the docetaxel group. Tumour PD-L1 expression levels were balanced between the two treatment groups (nivolumab vs. docetaxel) at each of the predefined tumour PD-L1 expression levels of $\geq 1\%$ (53% vs. 55%), $\geq 5\%$ (41% vs. 38%), or $\geq 10\%$ (37% vs. 35%).

Patients with tumour PD-L1 expression by all predefined expression levels in the nivolumab group demonstrated greater likelihood of improved survival compared to docetaxel, whereas survival was similar to docetaxel in patients with low or no tumour PD-L1 expression. In terms of ORR, increasing PD-L1 expression was associated with larger ORR. Comparable to the overall population, median duration of response was increased with nivolumab vs. docetaxel for patients with no PD-L1 expression (18.3 months vs. 5.6 months) and for patients with PD-L1 expression (16.0 months vs. 5.6 months).

Table 8 summarises results of ORR and OS by tumour PD-L1 expression.

Table 8: ORR and OS by tumour PD-L1 expression (CA209057)

PD-L1 Expression	nivolumab	docetaxel	
ORR by tumour PD-L1 expression			
Minimum follow-up: 13.2 months			
Odds Ratio (95% CI)			
< 1%	10/108 (9.3%) 95% CI: 4.5, 16.4	15/101 (14.9%) 95% CI: 8.6, 23.3	0.59 (0.22, 1.48)
$\geq 1\%$	38/123 (30.9%) 95% CI: 22.9, 39.9	15/123 (12.2%) 95% CI: 7.0, 19.3	3.22 (1.60, 6.71)
$\geq 1\%$ to < 10% ^a	6/37 (16.2%) 95% CI: 6.2, 32.0	5/44 (11.4%) 95% CI: 3.8, 24.6	1.51 (0.35, 6.85)
$\geq 10\%$ to < 50% ^a	5/20 (25.0%) 95% CI: 8.7, 49.1	7/33 (21.2%) 95% CI: 9.0, 38.9	1.24 (0.26, 5.48)
$\geq 50\%$ ^a	27/66 (40.9%) 95% CI: 29.0, 53.7	3/46 (6.5%) 95% CI: 1.4, 17.9	9.92 (2.68, 54.09)
OS by tumour PD-L1 expression			
Minimum follow-up: 13.2 months			
	Number of events (number of patients)		Unstratified Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
< 1%	77 (108)	75 (101)	0.90 (0.66, 1.24)
$\geq 1\%$	68 (123)	93 (123)	0.59 (0.43, 0.82)
$\geq 1\%$ to < 10% ^a	27 (37)	30 (44)	1.33 (0.79, 2.24)
$\geq 10\%$ to < 50% ^a	11 (20)	26 (33)	0.61 (0.30, 1.23)
$\geq 50\%$ ^a	30 (66)	37 (46)	0.32 (0.20, 0.53)
Updated analysis			
Minimum follow-up: 24.2 months			
< 1%	91 (108)	86 (101)	0.91 (0.67, 1.22)
$\geq 1\%$	87 (123)	103 (123)	0.62 (0.47, 0.83)

^a Post-hoc analysis; results should be interpreted with caution as the subgroup samples sizes are small and, at the time of the analysis, the PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx assay was not analytically validated at the 10% or 50% expression levels.

A higher proportion of patients experienced death within the first 3 months in the nivolumab arm (59/292, 20.2%) as compared to the docetaxel arm (44/290, 15.2%). Results of a post-hoc, exploratory

multivariate analysis indicated that nivolumab-treated patients with poorer prognostic features and/or aggressive disease when combined with lower (e.g., < 50%) or no tumour PD-L1 expression may be at higher risk of death within the first 3 months.

In subgroup analyses, survival benefit compared to docetaxel was not shown for patients who were never-smokers or whose tumours harboured EGFR activating mutations; however, due to the small numbers of patients, no definitive conclusions can be drawn from these data.

Renal Cell Carcinoma

The safety and efficacy of nivolumab 3 mg/kg as a single agent for the treatment of advanced RCC with a clear cell component was evaluated in a Phase 3, randomised, open-label study (CA209025). The study included patients (18 years or older) who have experienced disease progression during or after 1 or 2 prior anti-angiogenic therapy regimens and no more than 3 total prior systemic treatment regimens. Patients had to have a Karnofsky Performance Score (KPS) \geq 70%. This study included patients regardless of their tumour PD-L1 status. Patients with any history of or concurrent brain metastases, prior treatment with an mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) inhibitor, active autoimmune disease, or medical conditions requiring systemic immunosuppression were excluded from the study.

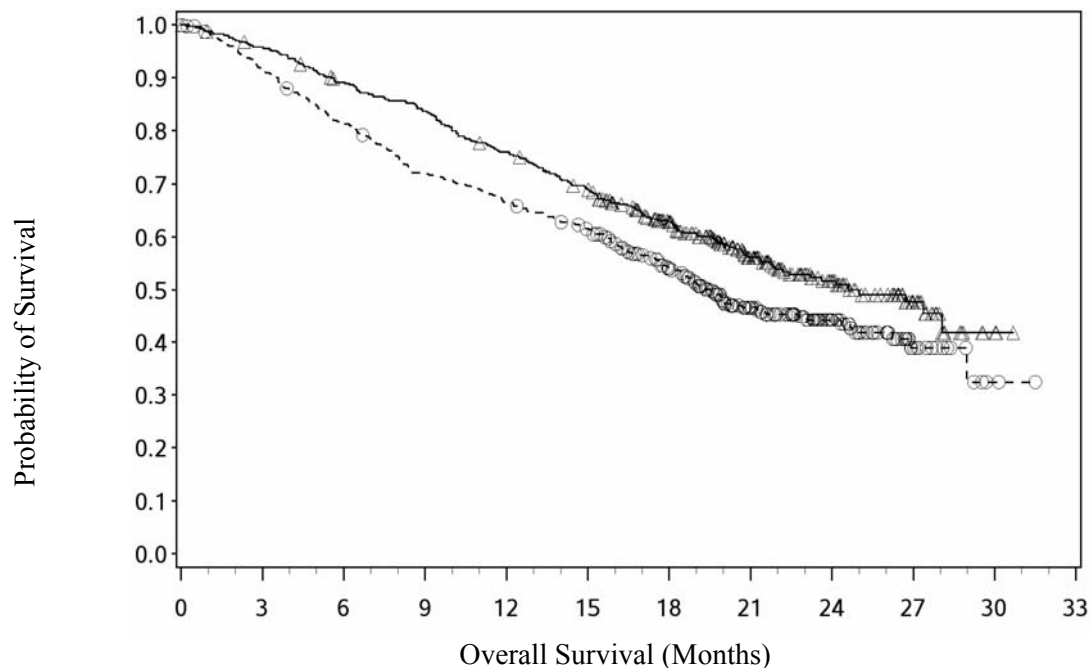
A total of 821 patients were randomised to receive either nivolumab 3 mg/kg (n = 410) administered intravenously over 60 minutes every 2 weeks or everolimus (n = 411) 10 mg daily, administered orally. Treatment was continued as long as clinical benefit was observed or until treatment was no longer tolerated. The first tumour assessments were conducted 8 weeks after randomisation and continued every 8 weeks thereafter for the first year and then every 12 weeks until progression or treatment discontinuation, whichever occurred later. Tumour assessments were continued after treatment discontinuation in patients who discontinued treatment for reasons other than progression. Treatment beyond initial investigator-assessed RECIST, version 1.1-defined progression was permitted if the patient had a clinical benefit and was tolerating study drug as determined by the investigator. The primary efficacy outcome measure was OS. Secondary efficacy assessments included investigator-assessed ORR and PFS.

Baseline characteristics were generally balanced between the two groups. The median age was 62 years (range: 18-88) with 40% \geq 65 years of age and 9% \geq 75 years of age. The majority of patients were male (75%) and white (88%), all Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) risk groups were represented, and 34% and 66% of patients had a baseline KPS of 70 to 80% and 90 to 100%, respectively. The majority of patients (72%) were treated with one prior anti-angiogenic therapy. The median duration of time from initial diagnosis to randomisation was 2.6 years in both the nivolumab and everolimus groups. The median duration of treatment was 5.5 months (range: 0- 29.6⁺ months) in nivolumab-treated patients and was 3.7 months (range: 6 days-25.7⁺ months) in everolimus-treated patients.

Nivolumab was continued beyond progression in 44% of patients.

The Kaplan-Meier curves for OS are shown in Figure 7.

Figure 7: Kaplan-Meier curves of OS (CA209025)



Number of Subjects at Risk

Nivolumab

410 389 359 337 305 275 213 139 73 29 3 0

Everolimus

411 366 324 287 265 241 187 115 61 20 2 0

—△— Nivolumab 3 mg/kg (events: 183/410), median and 95% CI: 25.00 (21.75, N.A.)

--○-- Everolimus 10 mg (events: 215/411), median and 95% CI: 19.55 (17.64, 23.06)

The trial demonstrated a statistically significant improvement in OS for patients randomised to nivolumab as compared with everolimus at the prespecified interim analysis when 398 events were observed (70% of the planned number of events for final analysis) (Table 9 and Figure 7). OS benefit was observed regardless of tumour PD-L1 expression level.

Efficacy results are shown in Table 9.

Table 9: Efficacy results (CA209025)

	nivolumab (n = 410)		everolimus (n = 411)
Overall survival			
Events	183 (45%)		215 (52%)
Hazard ratio		0.73	
98.52% CI		(0.57, 0.93)	
p-value		0.0018	
Median (95% CI)	25.0 (21.7, NE)		19.6 (17.6, 23.1)
Rate (95% CI)			
At 6 months	89.2 (85.7, 91.8)		81.2 (77.0, 84.7)
At 12 months	76.0 (71.5, 79.9)		66.7 (61.8, 71.0)
Objective response			
(95% CI)	103 (25.1%) (21.0, 29.6)		22 (5.4%) (3.4, 8.0)
Odds ratio (95% CI)		5.98 (3.68, 9.72)	
p-value		< 0.0001	
Complete response (CR)	4 (1.0%)		2 (0.5%)
Partial response (PR)	99 (24.1%)		20 (4.9%)
Stable disease (SD)	141 (34.4%)		227 (55.2%)
Median duration of response			
Months (range)	11.99 (0.0-27.6 ⁺)		11.99 (0.0 ⁺ -22.2 ⁺)
Median time to response			
Months (range)	3.5 (1.4-24.8)		3.7 (1.5-11.2)
Progression-free survival			
Events	318 (77.6%)		322 (78.3%)
Hazard ratio		0.88	
95% CI		(0.75, 1.03)	
p-value		0.1135	
Median (95% CI)	4.6 (3.71, 5.39)		4.4 (3.71, 5.52)

“+” denotes a censored observation.

NE = non-estimable

The median time to onset of objective response was 3.5 months (range: 1.4-24.8 months) after the start of nivolumab treatment. Forty-nine (47.6%) responders had ongoing responses with a duration ranging from 0.0-27.6⁺ months.

Overall survival could be accompanied by an improvement over time in disease related symptoms and non-disease specific quality of life (QoL) as assessed using valid and reliable scales in the Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy-Kidney Symptom Index-Disease Related Symptoms (FKSI-DRS) and the EuroQoL EQ-5D. Apparently meaningful symptom improvement (MID = 2 point change in FKSI-DRS score; $p < 0.001$) and time to improvement (HR = 1.66 (1.33,2.08), $p < 0.001$) were significantly better for patients on the nivolumab arm. While both arms of the study received active therapy, the QoL data should be interpreted in the context of the open-label study design and therefore cautiously taken.

Classical Hodgkin lymphoma

The safety and efficacy of nivolumab 3 mg/kg as a single agent for the treatment of relapsed or refractory cHL following ASCT and treatment with brentuximab vedotin was evaluated in two multicentre, open-label, single-arm studies (CA209205 and CA209039).

CA209205 is an ongoing Phase 2, open-label, multi-cohort, single-arm study of nivolumab in cHL. Cohort B included 80 patients that received nivolumab 3 mg/kg monotherapy administered

intravenously over 60 minutes every 2 weeks, following ASCT and brentuximab vedotin treatment. The first tumour assessments were conducted 9 weeks after the start of treatment and continued thereafter until disease progression or treatment discontinuation. The primary efficacy outcome measure was ORR as determined by IRRC. Additional efficacy measures included duration of response.

CA209039 was a Phase 1b open-label, multicenter, dose-escalation, and multidose study of nivolumab in relapsed/refractory hematologic malignancies, including 23 patients with cHL treated with nivolumab 3 mg/kg monotherapy; amongst which, 15 patients received prior brentuximab vedotin treatment as a salvage therapy following ASCT, similar to Cohort B of study CA209205. The first tumour assessments were conducted 4 weeks after the start of treatment and continued thereafter until disease progression or treatment discontinuation. Efficacy assessments included investigator-assessed ORR, retrospectively evaluated by an IRRC, and duration of response.

Data from the 80 patients from CA209205 Cohort B and from the 15 patients from CA209039 who received prior brentuximab vedotin treatment following ASCT were integrated. Baseline characteristics were similar across the two studies (see Table 10 below).

Table 10: Baseline patient characteristics in CA209205 Cohort B and CA209039

	CA209205 Cohort B and CA209039 (n = 95)	CA209205 Cohort B ^a (n = 80)	CA209039 (n = 15)
Median age, years (range)	37.0 (18–72)	37.0 (18–72)	40.0 (24–54)
Gender	61 (64%)M / 34 (36%)F	51 (64%)M / 29 (36%)F	10 (67%)M / 5 (33%)F
ECOG status			
0	49 (52%)	42 (52.5%)	7 (47%)
1	46 (48%)	38 (47.5%)	8 (53%)
≥5 prior lines of systemic therapy	49 (52%)	39 (49%)	10 (67%)
Prior ASCT			
1	87 (92%)	74 (92.5%)	13 (87%)
≥2	8 (8%)	6 (7.5%)	2 (13%)
Years from most recent transplant to first dose of study therapy, median (min-max)	3.5 (0.2–19.0)	3.4 (0.2–19.0)	5.6 (0.5–15.0)

^a 18/80 (25%) of the patients in CA209205 Cohort B presented B-Symptoms at baseline.

Efficacy from both studies was evaluated by the same IRRC. Results are shown in Table 11.

Table 11: Efficacy results in patients with relapsed/refractory classical Hodgkin lymphoma

	CA209205 Cohort B ^a and CA209039 (n = 95)	CA209205 Cohort B ^a (n = 80)	CA209039 (n = 15)
Objective Response Rate; (95% CI)	63 (66%); (56, 76)	54 (68%); (56, 78)	9 (60%); (32, 84)
Complete Remission Rate; (95% CI)	6 (6%); (2, 13)	6 (8%); (3, 16)	0 (0%); (0, 22)
Partial Remission Rate; (95% CI)	57 (60%); (49, 70)	48 (60%); (48, 71)	9 (60%); (32, 84)
Stable disease, n (%)	22 (23)	17 (21)	5 (33)
Median Duration of Response (months)^b	13.1	13.1	12.0
(95% CI)	(9.5, NE)	(8.7, NE)	(1.8, NE)
Min, Max	0.0+, 23.1+	0.0+, 14.2+	1.8, 23.1+
Median Time to Response (months)	2.0	2.1	0.8
Min, Max	0.7, 11.1	1.6, 11.1	0.7, 4.1
Median Duration of Follow-up (months)	15.8	15.4	21.9
Range (months)	1.9 to 27.6	1.9 to 18.5	11.2 to 27.6
PFS rate at 12 months	57	55	69
(95% CI)	(45, 68)	(41, 66)	(37, 88)

^a Follow-up was ongoing at the time of data submission

^b Data unstable due to the limited duration of response for Cohort B resulting from censoring.

Nine patients received transplant (6 in CA209205 and 3 in CA209039) as subsequent therapy.

In a post-hoc analysis of the 80 patients in CA209205 Cohort B, it was found that 37 had no response to prior brentuximab vedotin treatment. Among these 37 patients, treatment with nivolumab resulted in an ORR of 59.5% (22/37). The median duration of response is 13.14 months (13.14, N.A.) for the 22 responders to nivolumab who had failed to achieve response with prior brentuximab vedotin treatment.

B-symptoms were present in 25% (18/80) of the patients in CA209205 Cohort B at baseline. Nivolumab treatment resulted in rapid resolution of B-symptoms in 88.9% (16/18) of the patients, with a median time to resolution of 1.9 months.

Squamous Cell Cancer of the Head and Neck

The safety and efficacy of nivolumab 3 mg/kg as a single agent for the treatment of metastatic or recurrent SCCHN were evaluated in a phase 3, randomised, open-label study (CA209141). The study included patients (18 years or older) who have experienced disease progression during or within 6 months of receiving platinum-based therapy regimen and had an ECOG performance status score of 0 or 1. Prior platinum-based therapy was administered in either the adjuvant, neo-adjuvant, primary, recurrent, or metastatic setting. Patients were enrolled regardless of their tumour PD-L1 or human papilloma virus (HPV) status. Patients with active autoimmune disease, medical conditions requiring immunosuppression, recurrent or metastatic carcinoma of the nasopharynx, squamous cell carcinoma of unknown primary histology, salivary gland or non-squamous histologies (e.g., mucosal melanoma), or untreated brain metastasis were excluded from the study. Patients with treated brain metastases were eligible if neurologically returned to baseline at least 2 weeks prior to enrolment, and either off corticosteroids, or on a stable or decreasing dose of < 10 mg daily prednisone equivalents.

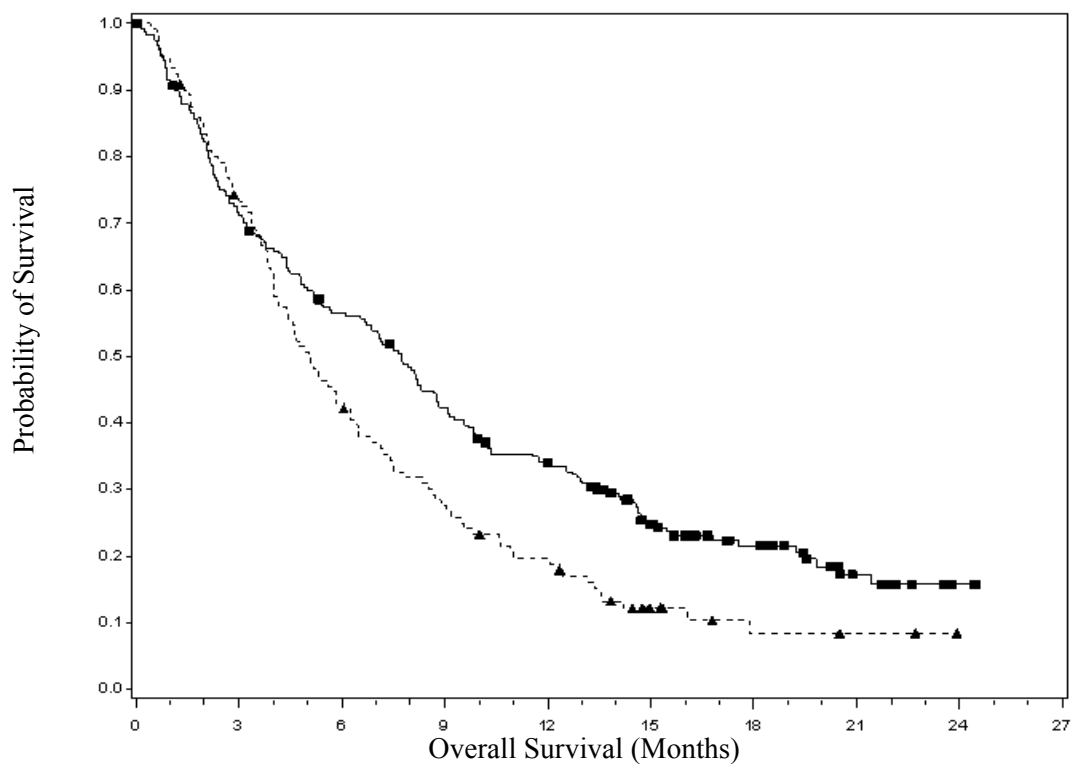
A total of 361 patients were randomised to receive either nivolumab 3 mg/kg (n = 240) administered intravenously over 60 minutes every 2 weeks or investigator's choice of either cetuximab (n = 15), 400 mg/m² loading dose followed by 250 mg/m² weekly or methotrexate (n = 52) 40 to 60 mg/m² weekly, or docetaxel (n = 54) 30 to 40 mg/m² weekly. Randomisation was stratified by prior cetuximab treatment. Treatment was continued as long as clinical benefit was observed or until treatment was no longer tolerated. Tumour assessments, according to RECIST version 1.1, were conducted 9 weeks after randomisation and continued every 6 weeks thereafter. Treatment beyond initial investigator-assessed RECIST version 1.1-defined progression was permitted in patients receiving nivolumab, if the patient had a clinical benefit and was tolerating study drug, as determined by the investigator. The primary efficacy outcome measure was OS. Key secondary efficacy outcome measures were investigator-assessed PFS and ORR. Additional prespecified subgroup analyses were conducted to evaluate the efficacy by tumour PD-L1 expression at predefined levels of 1%, 5%, and 10%.

Pre-study tumour tissue specimens were systematically collected prior to randomisation in order to conduct pre-planned analyses of efficacy according to tumour PD-L1 expression. Tumour PD-L1 expression was determined using the PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx assay.

Baseline characteristics were generally balanced between the two groups. The median age was 60 years (range: 28-83) with 31% ≥ 65 years of age and 5% ≥ 75 years of age, 83% were male, and 83% were white. Baseline ECOG performance status score was 0 (20%) or 1 (78%), 77% were former/current smokers, 90% had Stage IV disease, 66% had two or more lesions, 45%, 34% and 20% received 1, 2, or 3 or more prior lines of systemic therapy, respectively, and 25% were HPV-16 status positive.

With a minimum follow-up of 11.4 months, the trial demonstrated a statistically significant improvement in OS for patients randomised to nivolumab as compared with investigator's choice. The Kaplan-Meier curves for OS are shown in Figure 8. Efficacy results are shown in Table 12.

Figure 8: Kaplan-Meier curves of OS (CA209141)



—■— Nivolumab 3 mg/kg (events: 184/240), median and 95% CI: 7.72 (5.68,8.77)
 - -▲- - Investigator's choice (events: 105/121), median and 95% CI: 5.06 (4.04, 6.24)

Table 12: Efficacy results (CA209141)

	nivolumab (n = 240)	investigator's choice (n = 121)
Overall survival		
Events	184 (76.7%)	105 (86.8%)
Hazard ratio ^a		0.71
(95% CI)		(0.55, 0.90)
p-value ^b		0.0048
Median (95% CI) (months)	7.72 (5.68, 8.77)	5.06 (4.04, 6.24)
Rate (95% CI) at 6 months	56.5 (49.9, 62.5)	43.0 (34.0, 51.7)
Rate (95% CI) at 12 months	34.0 (28.0, 40.1)	19.7 (13.0, 27.3)
Rate (95% CI) at 18 months	21.5 (16.2, 27.4)	8.3 (3.6, 15.7)
Progression-free survival		
Events	204 (85.0%)	104 (86.0%)
Hazard ratio		0.87
95% CI		(0.69, 1.11)
p-value		0.2597
Median (95% CI) (months)	2.04 (1.91, 2.14)	2.33 (1.97, 3.12)
Rate (95% CI) at 6 months	21.0 (15.9, 26.6)	11.1 (5.9, 18.3)
Rate (95% CI) at 12 months	9.5 (6.0, 13.9)	2.5 (0.5, 7.8)
Confirmed objective response^c		
(95% CI)	32 (13.3%) (9.3, 18.3)	7 (5.8%) (2.4, 11.6)
Odds ratio (95% CI)		2.49 (1.07, 5.82)
Complete response (CR)	6 (2.5%)	1 (0.8%)
Partial response (PR)	26 (10.8%)	6 (5.0%)
Stable disease (SD)	55 (22.9%)	43 (35.5%)
Median time to response		
Months (range)	2.1 (1.8-7.4)	2.0 (1.9-4.6)
Median duration of response		
Months (range)	9.7 (2.8-20.3+)	4.0 (1.5+-8.5+)

^a Derived from a stratified proportional hazards model.

^b P-value is derived from a log-rank test stratified by prior cetuximab; the corresponding O'Brien-Fleming efficacy boundary significance level is 0.0227.

^c In the nivolumab group there were two patients with CRs and seven patients with PRs who had tumour PD-L1 expression < 1%.

Quantifiable tumour PD-L1 expression was measured in 67% of patients in the nivolumab group and 82% of patients in the investigator's choice group. Tumour PD-L1 expression levels were balanced between the two treatment groups (nivolumab vs. investigator's choice) at each of the predefined tumour PD-L1 expression levels of $\geq 1\%$ (55% vs. 62%), $\geq 5\%$ (34% vs. 43%), or $\geq 10\%$ (27% vs. 34%).

Patients with tumour PD-L1 expression by all predefined expression levels in the nivolumab group demonstrated greater likelihood of improved survival compared to investigator's choice. The magnitude of OS benefit was consistent for $\geq 1\%$, $\geq 5\%$ or $\geq 10\%$ tumour PD-L1 expression levels (see Table 13).

Table 13: OS by tumour PD-L1 expression (CA209141)

PD-L1 Expression	OS by tumour PD-L1 expression		Unstratified Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
	nivolumab	investigator's choice	
< 1%	56 (73)	32 (38)	0.83 (0.54, 1.29)
≥ 1%	66 (88)	55 (61)	0.53 (0.37, 0.77)
≥ 5%	39 (54)	40 (43)	0.51 (0.32, 0.80)
≥ 10%	30 (43)	31 (34)	0.57 (0.34, 0.95)

In an exploratory post-hoc analysis using a non-validated assay, both tumour cell PD-L1 expression and tumour-associated immune cell (TAIC) PD-L1 expression were analysed in relation to the magnitude of treatment effect of nivolumab compared to investigator's choice. This analysis showed that not only tumour cell PD-L1 expression but also TAIC PD-L1 expression appeared to be associated with benefit from nivolumab relative to investigator's choice (see Table 14). Due to the small numbers of patients in the subgroups, and exploratory nature of the analysis, no definitive conclusions can be drawn from these data.

Table 14: Efficacy by tumour cell and TAIC PD-L1 expression (CA209141)

	Median OS ^a (months)		Median PFS ^a (months)		ORR (%)	
	HR ^b (95% CI)		HR ^b (95% CI)		HR ^b (95% CI) ^c	
	nivolumab	investigator's choice	nivolumab	investigator's choice	nivolumab	investigator's choice
PD-L1 ≥ 1%, PD-L1+ TAIC abundant^d (61 nivolumab, 47 investigator's choice)	9.10	4.60	3.19	1.97	19.7	0
	0.43 (0.28, 0.67)		0.48 (0.31, 0.75)		(10.6, 31.8) (0, 7.5)	
PD-L1 ≥ 1%, PD-L1+ TAIC rare^d (27 nivolumab, 14 investigator's choice)	6.67	4.93	1.99	2.04	11.1	7.1
	0.89 (0.44, 1.80)		0.93 (0.46, 1.88)		(2.4, 29.2) (0.2, 33.9)	
PD-L1 < 1%, PD-L1+ TAIC abundant^d (43 nivolumab, 25 investigator's choice)	11.73	6.51	2.10	2.73	18.6	12.0
	0.67 (0.38, 1.18)		0.96 (0.55, 1.67)		(8.4, 33.4) (2.5, 31.2)	
PD-L1 < 1%, PD-L1+ TAIC rare^d (27 nivolumab, 10 investigator's choice)	3.71	4.85	1.84	2.12	3.7	10.0
	1.09 (0.50, 2.36)		1.91 (0.84, 4.36)		(< 0.1, 19.0) (0.3, 44.5)	

^a OS and PFS were estimated using Kaplan-Meier method.

^b Hazard ratio in each subgroup derived from a Cox proportional hazards model with treatment as the only covariate.

^c Confidence interval for ORR calculated using the Clopper-Pearson method.

^d PD-L1+ TAIC in the tumour microenvironment were qualitatively assessed, and characterised as "numerous", "intermediate", and "rare" based on pathologist assessments. "Numerous" and "intermediate" groups were combined to define the "abundant" group.

Patients with investigator-assessed primary site of oropharyngeal cancer were tested for HPV (determined by p16 immunohistochemistry [IHC]). OS benefit was observed regardless of HPV status (HPV-positive: HR = 0.63; 95% CI: 0.38, 1.04, HPV-negative: HR = 0.64; 95% CI: 0.40, 1.03, and HPV-unknown: HR = 0.78; 95% CI: 0.55, 1.10).

Patient-reported outcomes (PROs) were assessed using the EORTC QLQ-C30, EORTC QLQ-H&N35, and 3-level EQ-5D. Over 15 weeks of follow-up, patients treated with nivolumab exhibited stable

PROs, while those assigned to investigator's choice therapy exhibited significant declines in functioning (e.g., physical, role, social) and health status as well as increased symptomatology (e.g., fatigue, dyspnoea, appetite loss, pain, sensory problems, social contact problems). The PRO data should be interpreted in the context of the open-label study design and therefore taken cautiously.

Safety and efficacy in elderly patients

No overall differences in safety or efficacy were reported between elderly (≥ 65 years) and younger patients (< 65 years). Data from NSCLC and SCCHN patients 75 years of age or older are too limited to draw conclusions on this population. Data from cHL patients 65 years of age or older are too limited to draw conclusions on this population.

Paediatric population

The European Medicines Agency has deferred the obligation to submit the results of studies with nivolumab in all subsets of the paediatric population in the treatment of malignant solid tumours, malignant neoplasms of lymphoid tissue and malignant neoplasms of the central nervous system (see section 4.2 for information on paediatric use).

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

The pharmacokinetics (PK) of nivolumab is linear in the dose range of 0.1 to 10 mg/kg. The geometric mean clearance (CL), terminal half-life, and average exposure at steady state at 3 mg/kg every 2 weeks of nivolumab were 9.5 mL/h, 26.7 days, and 75.3 $\mu\text{g/mL}$, respectively, based on a population PK analysis.

Nivolumab CL increased with increasing body weight. Body weight normalised dosing produced approximately uniform steady-state trough concentration over a wide range of body weights (34-162 kg).

The metabolic pathway of nivolumab has not been characterised. Nivolumab is expected to be degraded into small peptides and amino acids via catabolic pathways in the same manner as endogenous IgG.

Nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab: The geometric mean CL, V_{ss}, and terminal half-life of nivolumab were 9.83 mL/h, 7.62 L, and 24.1 days, respectively. When administered in combination, the CL of nivolumab was increased by 35%, whereas there was no effect on the CL of ipilimumab.

When administered in combination, the CL of nivolumab increased by 25% in the presence of anti-nivolumab antibodies. There was no effect of anti-ipilimumab antibodies on the CL of ipilimumab.

Special populations

A population PK analysis suggested no difference in CL of nivolumab based on age, gender, race, solid tumour type, tumour size, and hepatic impairment. Although ECOG status, baseline glomerular filtration rate (GFR), albumin, body weight, and mild hepatic impairment had an effect on nivolumab CL, the effect was not clinically meaningful. Nivolumab CL in cHL patients was approximately 32% lower relative to NSCLC. With available safety data, this decrease in CL was not clinically meaningful.

Renal impairment

The effect of renal impairment on the CL of nivolumab was evaluated in patients with mild (GFR < 90 and ≥ 60 mL/min/1.73 m²; n = 379), moderate (GFR < 60 and ≥ 30 mL/min/1.73 m²; n = 179), or severe (GFR < 30 and ≥ 15 mL/min/1.73 m²; n = 2) renal impairment compared to patients with normal renal function (GFR ≥ 90 mL/min/1.73 m²; n = 342) in population PK analyses. No clinically important differences in the CL of nivolumab were found between patients with mild or moderate renal impairment and patients with normal renal function. Data from patients with severe renal impairment are too limited to draw conclusions on this population (see section 4.2).

Hepatic impairment

The effect of hepatic impairment on the CL of nivolumab was evaluated in patients with mild hepatic impairment (total bilirubin $1.0 \times$ to $1.5 \times$ ULN or AST $>$ ULN as defined using the National Cancer Institute criteria of hepatic dysfunction; $n = 92$) compared to patients with normal hepatic function (total bilirubin and AST \leq ULN; $n = 804$) in the population PK analyses. No clinically important differences in the CL of nivolumab were found between patients with mild hepatic impairment and normal hepatic function. Nivolumab has not been studied in patients with moderate (total bilirubin $> 1.5 \times$ to $3 \times$ ULN and any AST) or severe hepatic impairment (total bilirubin $> 3 \times$ ULN and any AST) (see section 4.2).

5.3 Preclinical safety data

Blockade of PD-L1 signalling has been shown in murine models of pregnancy to disrupt tolerance to the foetus and to increase foetal loss. The effects of nivolumab on prenatal and postnatal development were evaluated in monkeys that received nivolumab twice weekly from the onset of organogenesis in the first trimester through delivery, at exposure levels either 8 or 35 times higher than those observed at the clinical dose of 3 mg/kg of nivolumab (based on AUC). There was a dose-dependent increase in foetal losses and increased neonatal mortality beginning in the third trimester.

The remaining offspring of nivolumab-treated females survived to scheduled termination, with no treatment-related clinical signs, alterations to normal development, organ-weight effects, or gross and microscopic pathology changes. Results for growth indices, as well as teratogenic, neurobehavioral, immunological, and clinical pathology parameters throughout the 6-month postnatal period were comparable to the control group. However, based on its mechanism of action, foetal exposure to nivolumab may increase the risk of developing immune-related disorders or altering the normal immune response and immune-related disorders have been reported in PD-1 knockout mice.

Fertility studies have not been performed with nivolumab.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Sodium citrate dihydrate
Sodium chloride
Mannitol (E421)
Pentetic acid (diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid)
Polysorbate 80
Sodium hydroxide (for pH adjustment)
Hydrochloric acid (for pH adjustment)
Water for injections

6.2 Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products. OPDIVO should not be infused concomitantly in the same intravenous line with other medicinal products.

6.3 Shelf life

Unopened vial

2 years.

After opening

From a microbiological point of view, once opened, the medicinal product should be infused or diluted and infused immediately.

After preparation of infusion

From a microbiological point of view, the product should be used immediately.

If not used immediately, chemical and physical in-use stability of OPDIVO has been demonstrated for 24 hours at 2°C to 8°C protected from light and a maximum of 8 hours at 20°C-25°C and room light (this 8-hour period of the total 24 hours should be inclusive of the product administration period).

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store in a refrigerator (2°C-8°C).

Do not freeze.

Store in the original package in order to protect from light.

For storage conditions after preparation of the infusion, see section 6.3.

6.5 Nature and contents of container

4 mL of concentrate in a 10 mL vial (Type I glass) with a stopper (coated butyl rubber) and a dark blue flip-off seal (aluminium). Pack size of 1 vial.

10 mL of concentrate in a 10 mL vial (Type I glass) with a stopper (coated butyl rubber) and a grey flip-off seal (aluminium). Pack size of 1 vial.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

Preparation should be performed by trained personnel in accordance with good practices rules, especially with respect to asepsis.

Preparation and administration

Calculating the dose

The prescribed dose for the patient is given in mg/kg. Based on this prescribed dose, calculate the total dose to be given. More than one vial of OPDIVO concentrate may be needed to give the total dose for the patient.

- The total nivolumab dose in mg = the patient's weight in kg × the prescribed dose in mg/kg.
- The volume of OPDIVO concentrate to prepare the dose (mL) = the total dose in mg, divided by 10 (the OPDIVO concentrate strength is 10 mg/mL).

Preparing the infusion

Take care to ensure aseptic handling when you prepare the infusion.

OPDIVO can be used for intravenous administration either:

- without dilution, after transfer to an infusion container using an appropriate sterile syringe; or
- after diluting to concentrations as low as 1 mg/mL. The final infusion concentration should range between 1 and 10 mg/mL. OPDIVO concentrate may be diluted with either:
 - sodium chloride 9 mg/mL (0.9%) solution for injection; or
 - 50 mg/mL (5%) glucose solution for injection.

STEP 1

- Inspect the OPDIVO concentrate for particulate matter or discoloration. Do not shake the vial. OPDIVO concentrate is a clear to opalescent, colourless to pale yellow liquid. Discard the vial if the solution is cloudy, is discoloured, or contains particulate matter other than a few translucent-to-white particles.
- Withdraw the required volume of OPDIVO concentrate using an appropriate sterile syringe.

STEP 2

- Transfer the concentrate into a sterile, evacuated glass bottle or intravenous container (PVC or polyolefin).
- If applicable, dilute with the required volume of sodium chloride 9 mg/mL (0.9%) solution for injection or 50 mg/mL (5%) glucose solution for injection. For ease of preparation, the concentrate can also be transferred directly into a pre-filled bag containing the appropriate volume of sodium chloride 9 mg/mL (0.9%) solution for injection or 50 mg/mL (5%) glucose solution for injection.
- Gently mix the infusion by manual rotation. Do not shake.

Administration

OPDIVO infusion must not be administered as an intravenous push or bolus injection.

Administer the OPDIVO infusion intravenously over a period of 60 minutes.

OPDIVO infusion should not be infused at the same time in the same intravenous line with other agents. Use a separate infusion line for the infusion.

Use an infusion set and an in-line, sterile, non-pyrogenic, low protein binding filter (pore size of 0.2 µm to 1.2 µm).

OPDIVO infusion is compatible with PVC and polyolefin containers, glass bottles, PVC infusion sets and in-line filters with polyethersulfone membranes with pore sizes of 0.2 µm to 1.2 µm.

After administration of the nivolumab dose, flush the line with sodium chloride 9 mg/mL (0.9%) solution for injection or 50 mg/mL (5%) glucose solution for injection.

Disposal

Do not store any unused portion of the infusion solution for reuse. Any unused medicinal product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharma EEIG
Uxbridge Business Park
Sanderson Road
Uxbridge UB8 1DH
United Kingdom

8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

EU/1/15/1014/001-002

9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION

Date of first authorisation: 19 June 2015

10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT

Detailed information on this medicinal product is available on the website of the European Medicines Agency <http://www.ema.europa.eu>

ANNEX II

- A. MANUFACTURERS OF THE BIOLOGICAL ACTIVE SUBSTANCE AND MANUFACTURERS RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE**
- B. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE**
- C. OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION**
- D. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

**A. MANUFACTURERS OF THE BIOLOGICAL ACTIVE SUBSTANCE AND
MANUFACTURERS RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE**

Name and address of the manufacturers of the biological active substance

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
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East Syracuse, New York 13057
USA

Lonza Biologics, Inc.
101 International Drive
Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801
USA

Samsung Biologics Co. Ltd.
125, Cheomdan-daero
Yeonsu-gu, Incheon, 21987
Korea

Name and address of the manufacturers responsible for batch release

Bristol-Myers Squibb S.r.l.
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03012 Anagni (FR)
Italy

Swords Laboratories t/a Bristol-Myers Squibb Cruiserath Biologics
Cruiserath Road, Mulhuddart
Dublin 15
Ireland

The printed package leaflet of the medicinal product must state the name and address of the manufacturer responsible for the release of the concerned batch.

B. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE

Medicinal product subject to restricted medical prescription (see Annex I: Summary of Product Characteristics, section 4.2).

**C. OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARKETING
AUTHORISATION**

• **Periodic safety update reports**

The requirements for submission of periodic safety update reports for this medicinal product are set out in the list of Union reference dates (EURD list) provided for under Article 107c(7) of Directive 2001/83/EC and any subsequent updates published on the European medicines web-portal.

**D. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND
EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

• **Risk Management Plan (RMP)**

The MAH shall perform the required pharmacovigilance activities and interventions detailed in the agreed RMP presented in Module 1.8.2 of the Marketing Authorisation and any agreed subsequent updates of the RMP.

An updated RMP should be submitted:

- At the request of the European Medicines Agency;
- Whenever the risk management system is modified, especially as the result of new information being received that may lead to a significant change to the benefit/risk profile or as the result of an important (pharmacovigilance or risk minimisation) milestone being reached.

- **Additional risk minimisation measures**

Prior to launch of OPDIVO in each Member State the Marketing Authorisation Holder (MAH) must agree about the content and format of the educational programme, including communication media, distribution modalities, and any other aspects of the programme, with the National Competent Authority.

The educational programme is aimed at increasing the awareness about the potential immune mediated adverse events associated with OPDIVO use, how to manage them and to enhance the awareness of patients or their caregivers on the signs and symptoms relevant to the early those adverse events.

The MAH shall ensure that in each Member State where OPDIVO is marketed, all healthcare professionals and patients/carers who are expected to prescribe and use OPDIVO have access to/are provided with the following educational package:

- Physician educational material
- Patient alert card

The physician educational material should contain:

- The Summary of Product Characteristics
- Adverse Reaction Management Guide

The Adverse Reaction Management Guide shall contain the following key elements:

- Relevant information (e.g., seriousness, severity, frequency, time to onset, reversibility of the AE as applicable) for the following safety concerns:
 - Immune-related pneumonitis
 - Immune-related colitis
 - Immune-related hepatitis
 - Immune-related nephritis and renal dysfunction
 - Immune-related endocrinopathies
 - Immune-related skin adverse reactions
 - Other immune-related ARs
 - Potential risk of ‘Complications including acute graft-versus-host-disease and transplant related mortality of allogeneic Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant following nivolumab therapy’
- Details on how to minimise the safety concern through appropriate monitoring and management
- **The patient alert card** shall contain the following key messages:
- That OPDIVO treatment may increase the risk of:
 - Immune-related pneumonitis
 - Immune-related colitis
 - Immune-related hepatitis
 - Immune-related nephritis and renal dysfunction
 - Immune-related endocrinopathies
 - Immune-related skin adverse reactions
 - Other immune-related ARs
- Signs or symptoms of the safety concern and when to seek attention from a HCP

- Contact details of the OPDIVO prescriber
- **Obligation to conduct post-authorisation measures**

The MAH shall complete, within the stated timeframe, the below measures:

Description	Due date
1. Post-authorisation efficacy study (PAES): The MAH should submit the final Study report for study CA209067: a Randomized, Double-Blind Study in Subjects Treated With nivolumab Monotherapy, ipilimumab Monotherapy, And nivolumab combined With Ipilimumab.	The final clinical study report should be submitted by 31 st March 2017
2. Post-authorisation efficacy study (PAES): The MAH should submit the final Study report for study CA209205: a Phase 2, non-comparative, multi-cohort, single-arm, open-label study of nivolumab (BMS-936558) in cHL subjects after failure of ASCT.	The final clinical study report should be submitted by 30 th June 2017
3. The value of biomarkers to predict the efficacy of nivolumab and/or nivolumab + ipilimumab combination therapy should be further explored, specifically:	
1. To further investigate the value of biomarkers other than PD-L1 expression status at tumour cell membrane level by IHC (e.g., other genomic-based methods / assays, and associated cut-offs, that might prove more sensitive and specific in predicting response to treatment based on PD-L1, PD-L2, tumour infiltrating lymphocytes with measurement of CD8+T density, RNA signature, expression of components of antigen-presentation complexes and/or other inhibitory checkpoint receptors/ligands within tumour, etc.) as predictive of nivolumab and/or nivolumab + ipilimumab combination therapy efficacy. This will be provided for all the approved indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Melanoma monotherapy: studies CA209038 and CA209066 - Melanoma combination (with ipilimumab): studies CA209038, CA209067 and CA209069 - NSCLC: studies CA209017, CA209057 and CA209026 - RCC: studies CA209025 and CA209009 In addition, levels of myeloid-derived suppressor cells in circulation will be explored in study CA209038.	30 th September 2017 31 st March 2019 31 st March 2018 31 st March 2018
2. To further investigate the relation between PD-L1 and PD-L2 expression in Phase 1 studies (CA209009, CA209038 and CA209064).	31 st March 2017
3. To further investigate the associative analyses between PD-L1 and PD-L2 expression conducted in studies CA209066, CA209057 and CA209025.	30 th June 2018
4. To further investigate the possible change in PD-L1 status of the tumour during treatment and/or tumour progression in studies CA209009, CA209038 and CA209064.	30 th September 2017
5. To further investigate, in CA209141, the association between improved clinical outcomes to nivolumab and the presence of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Higher mutational load, and as feasible, PD-L1 tumour-associated immune cell (TAIC) expression - PD-L2 expression - High inflamed phenotype. 	30 th September 2017 31 st March 2018 30 th September 2018

ANNEX III
LABELLING AND PACKAGE LEAFLET

A. LABELLING

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

OUTER CARTON

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

OPDIVO 10 mg/mL concentrate for solution for infusion
nivolumab

2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)

Each mL of concentrate contains 10 mg of nivolumab.
Each vial of 4 mL contains 40 mg of nivolumab.
Each vial of 10 mL contains 100 mg of nivolumab.

3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

Excipients: sodium citrate dihydrate, sodium chloride, mannitol (E421), pentetic acid, polysorbate 80, sodium hydroxide, hydrochloric acid, water for injections.

See leaflet for further information.

4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS

Concentrate for solution for infusion.

40 mg/4 mL
100 mg/10 mL

1 vial

5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

Read the package leaflet before use.
Intravenous use.

6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY

For single use only.

8. EXPIRY DATE

EXP

9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store in a refrigerator.
Do not freeze.
Store in the original package in order to protect from light.

10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE

11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharma EEIG
Uxbridge Business Park
Sanderson Road
Uxbridge UB8 1DH
United Kingdom

12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

EU/1/15/1014/001 40 mg vial
EU/1/15/1014/002 100 mg vial

13. BATCH NUMBER

Lot

14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY

15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE

16. INFORMATION IN BRAILLE

Justification for not including Braille accepted.

17. UNIQUE IDENTIFIER – 2D BARCODE

2D barcode carrying the unique identifier included.

18. UNIQUE IDENTIFIER - HUMAN READABLE DATA

PC:
SN:
NN:

MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING UNITS

VIAL LABEL

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

OPDIVO 10 mg/mL sterile concentrate
nivolumab
IV use

2. METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

Read the package leaflet before use.

3. EXPIRY DATE

EXP

4. BATCH NUMBER

Lot

5. CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT

40 mg/4 mL
100 mg/10 mL

6. OTHER

For single use only.

B. PACKAGE LEAFLET

Package leaflet: Information for the user

OPDIVO 10 mg/mL concentrate for solution for infusion nivolumab

▼ This medicine is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. You can help by reporting any side effects you may get. See the end of section 4 for how to report side effects.

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- It is important that you keep the Alert Card with you during treatment.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

What is in this leaflet

1. What OPDIVO is and what it is used for
2. What you need to know before you use OPDIVO
3. How to use OPDIVO
4. Possible side effects
5. How to store OPDIVO
6. Contents of the pack and other information

1. What OPDIVO is and what it is used for

OPDIVO is a medicine used to treat:

- advanced melanoma (a type of skin cancer) in adults
- advanced non-small cell lung cancer (a type of lung cancer) in adults
- advanced renal cell carcinoma (advanced kidney cancer) in adults
- classical Hodgkin lymphoma that has come back after or has not responded to previous therapies, including an autologous stem-cell transplant (a transplant of your own blood-producing cells) in adults
- advanced cancer of the head and neck in adults.

It contains the active substance nivolumab, which is a monoclonal antibody, a type of protein designed to recognise and attach to a specific target substance in the body.

Nivolumab attaches to a target protein called programmed death-1 receptor (PD-1) that can switch off the activity of T cells (a type of white blood cell that forms part of the immune system, the body's natural defences). By attaching to PD-1, nivolumab blocks its action and prevents it from switching off your T cells. This helps increase their activity against the melanoma, lung, kidney, lymphoid or head and neck cancer cells.

OPDIVO may be given in combination with ipilimumab. It is important that you also read the package leaflet for this medicine. If you have any questions about ipilimumab, please ask your doctor.

2. What you need to know before you use OPDIVO

You should not be given OPDIVO

- if you are **allergic** to nivolumab or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6 "Contents of the pack and other information"). **Talk to your doctor** if you are not sure.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor before using OPDIVO as it may cause:

- **Problems with your lungs** such as breathing difficulties or cough. These may be signs of inflammation of the lungs (pneumonitis or interstitial lung disease).
- **Diarrhoea** (watery, loose or soft stools) or any symptoms of **inflammation of the intestines** (colitis), such as stomach pain and mucus or blood in stool.
- **Inflammation of the liver (hepatitis)**. Signs and symptoms of hepatitis may include abnormal liver function tests, eye or skin yellowing (jaundice), pain on the right side of your stomach area, or tiredness.
- **Inflammation or problems with your kidneys**. Signs and symptoms may include abnormal kidney function tests, or decreased volume of urine.
- **Problems with your hormone producing glands** (including the pituitary, the thyroid and adrenal glands) that may affect how these glands work. Signs and symptoms that these glands are not working properly may include fatigue (extreme tiredness), weight change or headache and visual disturbances.
- **Diabetes** (symptoms include excessive thirst, the passing of a greatly increased amount of urine, increase in appetite with a loss of weight, feeling tired, drowsy, weak, depressed, irritable and generally unwell) or **diabetic ketoacidosis** (acid in the blood produced from diabetes).
- **Inflammation of the skin** that can lead to severe skin reaction (known as toxic epidermal necrolysis and Stevens-Johnson syndrome). Signs and symptoms of severe skin reaction may include rash, itching, and peeling of the skin (possibly fatal).
- **Inflammation of the muscles** such as myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle), myositis (inflammation of the muscles) and rhabdomyolysis (stiffness in muscles and joints, muscle spasm). Signs and symptoms may include muscle pain, stiffness, weakness, chest pain, or severe fatigue.
- **Solid organ transplant rejection.**

Tell your doctor immediately if you have any of these signs or symptoms or if they get worse. **Do not try to treat your symptoms with other medicines on your own.** Your doctor may

- give you other medicines in order to prevent complications and reduce your symptoms,
- withhold the next dose of OPDIVO,
- or stop your treatment with OPDIVO altogether.

Please note that these signs and symptoms are **sometimes delayed**, and may develop weeks or months after your last dose. Before treatment, your doctor will check your general health. You will also have **blood tests** during your treatment.

Check with your doctor or nurse before you are given OPDIVO if:

- you have an **autoimmune disease** (a condition where the body attacks its own cells);
- you have **melanoma of the eye**;
- you were previously given ipilimumab, another medicine for treating melanoma, and experienced **serious side effects** because of that medicine;
- you have been told that your **cancer has spread to your brain**;
- you have any history of **inflammation of the lungs**;
- you have been taken **medicines to suppress your immune system.**

Complications of stem cell transplant that uses donor stem cells (allogeneic) after treatment with OPDIVO. These complications can be severe and can lead to death. Your healthcare provider will monitor you for signs of complications if you have an allogeneic stem cell transplant.

Children and adolescents

OPDIVO should not be used in children and adolescents below 18 years of age.

Other medicines and OPDIVO

Before you are given OPDIVO, tell your doctor if you are taking any medicines that suppress your immune system, such as corticosteroids, since these medicines may interfere with the effect of OPDIVO. However, once you are treated with OPDIVO, your doctor may give you corticosteroids to

reduce any possible side effects that you may have during your treatment and this will not impact the effect of the medicine.

Tell your doctor if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines. **Do not take any other medicines** during your treatment without talking to your doctor first.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or think you might be, if you are planning to become pregnant, or if you are breast-feeding.

Do not use OPDIVO if you are pregnant unless your doctor specifically tells you to. The effects of OPDIVO in pregnant women are not known, but it is possible that the active substance, nivolumab, could harm an unborn baby.

- You must use **effective contraception** while you are being treated with OPDIVO and for at least 5 months following the last dose of OPDIVO, if you are a woman who could become pregnant.
- If you become pregnant while using OPDIVO **tell your doctor**.

It is not known whether nivolumab gets into breast milk. A risk to the breast-fed infant cannot be excluded. **Ask your doctor** if you can breast-feed during or after treatment with OPDIVO.

Driving and using machines

Nivolumab is unlikely to affect your ability to drive or use machines; however, use caution when performing these activities until you are sure that nivolumab does not adversely affect you.

OPDIVO contains sodium

Tell your doctor if you are on a low-sodium (low-salt) diet before you are given OPDIVO. This medicine contains 2.5 mg sodium per mL of concentrate.

You will also find this information in the Patient Alert Card you have been given by your doctor. It is important that you keep this Alert Card and show it to your partner or caregivers.

3. How to use OPDIVO

How much OPDIVO is given

The amount of OPDIVO you will be given will be calculated based on your body weight. The recommended dose is 3 mg of nivolumab per kilogram of your body weight.

Depending on your dose, the appropriate amount of OPDIVO will be diluted with sodium chloride 9 mg/mL (0.9%) solution for injection or glucose 50 mg/mL (5%) solution for injection before use. More than one vial of OPDIVO may be necessary to obtain the required dose.

When OPDIVO is given in combination with ipilimumab the recommended dose of OPDIVO is 1 mg of nivolumab per kilogram of your body weight for the first 4 doses (combination phase). Thereafter the recommended dose of OPDIVO is 3 mg of nivolumab per kilogram of your body weight (single-agent phase).

How OPDIVO is given

You will receive treatment with OPDIVO in a hospital or clinic, under the supervision of an experienced doctor.

OPDIVO will be given to you as an infusion (a drip) into a vein (intravenously) over a period of 60 minutes, every 2 weeks. Your doctor will continue giving you OPDIVO for as long as you keep benefitting from it or until you no longer tolerate the treatment.

When OPDIVO is given in combination with ipilimumab, you will be given an infusion over a period of 60 minutes, every 3 weeks for the first 4 doses (combination phase). Thereafter it will be given as an infusion over a period of 60 minutes, every 2 weeks (single-agent phase).

If you miss a dose of OPDIVO

It is very important for you to keep all your appointments to receive OPDIVO. If you miss an appointment, ask your doctor when to schedule your next dose.

If you stop using OPDIVO

Stopping your treatment may stop the effect of the medicine. Do not stop treatment with OPDIVO unless you have discussed this with your doctor.

If you have any further questions about your treatment or on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor.

When OPDIVO is given in combination with ipilimumab, you will first be given OPDIVO followed by ipilimumab.

Please refer to the package leaflet of ipilimumab in order to understand the use of this medicine. If you have questions about this medicine, please ask your doctor.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Your doctor will discuss these with you and will explain the risks and benefits of your treatment.

Be aware of important symptoms of inflammation. OPDIVO acts on your immune system and may cause inflammation in parts of your body. Inflammation may cause serious damage to your body and some inflammatory conditions may be life-threatening and need treatment or withdrawal of nivolumab.

The following side effects have been reported in **clinical trials with nivolumab alone**:

Very common (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)

- Diarrhoea (watery, loose or soft stools), nausea
- Skin rash sometimes with blisters, itching
- Feeling tired or weak

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- Infections of the upper respiratory tract
- Allergic reaction, reactions related to the infusion of the medicine
- Underactive thyroid gland (which can cause tiredness or weight gain), overactive thyroid gland (which can cause rapid heart rate, sweating and weight loss)
- High sugar levels in the blood (hyperglycaemia)
- Decreased appetite
- Inflammation of the nerves (causing numbness, weakness, tingling or burning pain of the arms and legs), headache, dizziness
- High blood pressure (hypertension)
- Inflammation of the lungs (pneumonitis, characterised by coughing and difficulty breathing), shortness of breath (dyspnoea), cough
- Mouth ulcers and cold sores (stomatitis), vomiting, stomach pain, constipation, dry mouth
- Skin colour change in patches (vitiligo), dry skin, redness of the skin, unusual hair loss or thinning
- Pain in the muscles, bones (musculoskeletal pain) and joints (arthralgia)
- Fever, oedema (swelling)

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

- Serious lung infection (pneumonia), bronchitis
- Increase in some white blood cells
- Decreased secretion of hormones produced by adrenal glands (glands situated above the kidneys), underactive function (hypopituitarism) or inflammation (hypophysitis) of the pituitary gland situated at the base of the brain, swelling of the thyroid gland

- Dehydration, increased acid levels in the blood
- Inflammation of the liver (hepatitis)
- Damage to nerves causing numbness and weakness (polyneuropathy)
- Inflammation of the eye (which causes pain and redness), blurred vision, dry eyes
- Fast heart rate
- Fluid around the lungs
- Inflammation of the intestines (colitis), inflammation of the pancreas
- Severe condition of the skin that causes red, often itchy spots, similar to the rash of measles, which starts on the limbs and sometimes on the face and the rest of the body (erythema multiforme), skin disease with thickened patches of red skin, often with silvery scales (psoriasis), skin condition of the face where the nose and cheeks are unusually red (rosacea), hives (itchy, bumpy rash)
- Inflammation of the muscles causing pain or stiffness (polymyalgia rheumatica), inflammation of the joints (arthritis)
- Inflammation of the kidney, kidney failure
- Pain, chest pain

Rare (may affect up to 1 in 1000 people)

- A disease causing the inflammation or enlargement of a lymph node (Kikuchi lymphadenitis)
- Life-threatening allergic reaction
- Diabetes, acid in the blood produced from diabetes (diabetic ketoacidosis)
- Blockage of bile ducts
- A temporary inflammation of the nerves that causes pain, weakness, and paralysis in the extremities (Guillain- Barré syndrome); loss of the protective sheath around nerves (demyelination); a condition in which the muscles become weak and tire easily (myasthenic syndrome), inflammation of the nerves caused by the body attacking itself, causing numbness, weakness, tingling or burning pain
- Inflammation of the brain
- Changes in the rhythm or rate of the heartbeat, abnormal heart rhythm, inflammation of the heart muscle
- Inflammatory disease of blood vessels
- Fluid in the lungs
- Gastritis (inflammation of the stomach), ulcer of the small intestines
- Severe and possibly fatal peeling of the skin (toxic epidermal necrolysis or Stevens-Johnson syndrome)
- Myopathy (aching muscles, muscle tenderness or weakness, not caused by exercise), myositis (inflammation of the muscles), rhabdomyolysis (stiffness in muscles and joints, muscle spasm)

Tell your doctor immediately if you get any of the side effects listed above. Do not try to treat your symptoms with other medicines on your own.

Changes in test results

OPDIVO may cause changes in the results of tests carried out by your doctor. These include:

- Abnormal liver function tests (increased amounts of the liver enzymes aspartate aminotransferase, alanine aminotransferase or alkaline phosphatase in your blood, higher blood levels of the waste product bilirubin)
- Abnormal kidney function tests (increased amounts of creatinine in your blood)
- A decreased number of red blood cells (which carry oxygen), white blood cells (which are important in fighting infection) or platelets (cells which help the blood to clot)
- An increased level of the enzyme that breaks down fats and of the enzyme that breaks down starch
- Increased or decreased amount of calcium or potassium
- Increased or decreased blood levels of magnesium or sodium
- Decrease in body weight

The following side effects have been reported in **clinical trials with nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab**:

Very common (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)

- Underactive thyroid gland, which can cause tiredness or weight gain
- Decreased appetite
- Headache
- Inflammation of the intestines (colitis), diarrhoea (watery, loose or soft stools), vomiting, nausea, stomach pain
- Skin rash sometimes with blisters, itching
- Pain in the joints (arthralgia)
- Feeling tired or weak, fever

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- Infections of the upper respiratory tract, serious lung infection (pneumonia)
- Increase in some white blood cells
- Allergic reaction, reactions related to the infusion of the medicine
- Decreased secretion of hormones produced by adrenal glands (glands situated above the kidneys); underactive function (hypopituitarism) or inflammation (hypophysitis) of the pituitary gland situated at the base of the brain; overactive thyroid gland, which can cause rapid heart rate, sweating and weight loss; inflammation of the thyroid gland; swelling of the thyroid gland, high sugar levels in the blood (hyperglycaemia)
- Dehydration
- Inflammation of the liver
- Inflammation of the nerves causing numbness, weakness, tingling or burning pain of the arms and legs; dizziness
- Inflammation of the eye, which causes pain and redness, vision problems or blurred vision
- Fast heart rate
- High blood pressure (hypertension)
- Inflammation of the lungs (pneumonitis), characterised by coughing and difficulty breathing, blood clots, shortness of breath (dyspnoea), cough
- Mouth ulcers and cold sores (stomatitis), gastritis (inflammation of the stomach), constipation, dry mouth
- Skin colour change in patches (vitiligo), dry skin, redness of the skin, unusual hair loss or thinning, hives (itchy rash)
- Pain in the muscles and bones (musculoskeletal pain)
- Kidney failure
- Oedema (swelling), pain

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

- Bronchitis
- Chronic diseases associated with a build-up of inflammatory cells in various organs and tissues, most commonly the lungs (sarcoidosis)
- Acid in the blood produced from diabetes (diabetic ketoacidosis), diabetes
- A temporary inflammation of the nerves that causes pain, weakness and paralysis in the extremities (Guillain-Barré syndrome); damage to nerves causing numbness and weakness (polyneuropathy); inflammation of the nerves; foot drop (peroneal nerve palsy); inflammation of the nerves caused by the body attacking itself, causing numbness, weakness, tingling or burning pain
- Inflammation of the brain
- Changes in the rhythm or rate of the heartbeat, abnormal heart rhythm, inflammation of the heart muscle
- Fluid around the lungs
- Inflammation of the pancreas, intestinal perforation, inflammation of the duodenum
- Skin disease with thickened patches of red skin, often with silvery scales (psoriasis)
- Chronic disease of joints (spondyloarthritis), disease in which the immune system attacks the glands that make moisture for the body, such as tears and saliva (Sjogren's syndrome), inflammation of the joints (arthritis), myopathy (aching muscles, muscle tenderness or weakness, not caused by exercise), myositis (inflammation of the muscles), rhabdomyolysis (stiffness in muscles and joints, muscle spasm)

- Inflammation of the kidney
- Chest pain

Rare (may affect up to 1 in 1000 people)

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Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, **talk to your doctor**. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly **via the national reporting system listed in [Appendix V](#)**. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store OPDIVO

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and the vial label after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store in a refrigerator (2°C to 8°C).

Do not freeze.

Store in the original package in order to protect from light.

Do not store any unused portion of the infusion solution for reuse. Any unused medicine or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What OPDIVO contains

- The active substance is nivolumab.

Each mL of concentrate for solution for infusion contains 10 mg of nivolumab.

Each vial contains either 40 mg (in 4 mL) or 100 mg (in 10 mL) of nivolumab.

- The other ingredients are sodium citrate dihydrate, sodium chloride (see section 2 "OPDIVO contains sodium"), mannitol (E421), pentetic acid, polysorbate 80, sodium hydroxide, hydrochloric acid and water for injections.

What OPDIVO looks like and contents of the pack

OPDIVO concentrate for solution for infusion (sterile concentrate) is a clear to opalescent, colourless to pale yellow liquid that may contain few light particles.

It is available in packs containing either 1 vial of 4 mL or 1 vial of 10 mL.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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The following information is intended for healthcare professionals only:**Preparation and administration of OPDIVO**

Preparation should be performed by trained personnel in accordance with good practices rules, especially with respect to asepsis.

Calculating the dose

The **prescribed dose** for the patient is given in mg/kg. Based on this prescribed dose, calculate the total dose to be given. More than one vial of OPDIVO concentrate may be needed to give the total dose for the patient.

- The **total nivolumab dose** in mg = the patient's weight in kg × the prescribed dose in mg/kg.
- The **volume of OPDIVO concentrate** to prepare the dose (mL) = the total dose in mg, divided by 10 (the OPDIVO concentrate strength is 10 mg/mL).

Preparing the infusion

Take care to ensure aseptic handling when you prepare the infusion.

OPDIVO can be used for intravenous administration either:

- **without dilution**, after transfer to an infusion container using an appropriate sterile syringe;
- or
- **after diluting** to concentrations as low as 1 mg/mL. The final infusion concentration should range between 1 and 10 mg/mL. OPDIVO concentrate may be diluted with either:
 - sodium chloride 9 mg/mL (0.9%) solution for injection; or
 - 50 mg/mL (5%) glucose solution for injection.

STEP 1

- Inspect the OPDIVO concentrate for particulate matter or discoloration. Do not shake the vial. OPDIVO concentrate is a clear to opalescent, colourless to pale yellow liquid. Discard the vial if the solution is cloudy, is discoloured, or contains particulate matter other than a few translucent-to-white particles.
- Withdraw the required volume of OPDIVO concentrate using an appropriate sterile syringe.

STEP 2

- Transfer the concentrate into a sterile, evacuated glass bottle or intravenous container (PVC or polyolefin).
- If applicable, dilute with the required volume of sodium chloride 9 mg/mL (0.9%) solution for injection or 50 mg/mL (5%) glucose solution for injection. For ease of preparation, the concentrate can be transferred directly into a pre-filled bag containing the appropriate volume of sodium chloride 9 mg/mL (0.9%) solution for injection or 50 mg/mL (5%) glucose solution for injection.
- Gently mix the infusion by manual rotation. Do not shake.

Administration

OPDIVO infusion must not be administered as an intravenous push or bolus injection.

Administer the OPDIVO infusion **intravenously over a period of 60 minutes**.

OPDIVO infusion should not be infused at the same time in the same intravenous line with other agents. Use a separate infusion line for the infusion.

Use an infusion set and an in-line, sterile, non-pyrogenic, low protein binding filter (pore size of 0.2 µm to 1.2 µm).

OPDIVO infusion is compatible with:

- PVC containers
- Polyolefin containers
- Glass bottles
- PVC infusion sets
- In-line filters with polyethersulfone membranes with pore sizes of 0.2 µm to 1.2 µm.

After administration of the nivolumab dose, flush the line with sodium chloride 9 mg/mL (0.9%) solution for injection or 50 mg/mL (5%) glucose solution for injection.

Storage conditions and shelf life

Unopened vial

OPDIVO must be **stored in a refrigerator** (2°C to 8°C). The vials must be kept in the original package in order to protect from light. OPDIVO should not be frozen.

Do not use OPDIVO after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and on the vial label after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

OPDIVO infusion

OPDIVO infusion must be completed within 24 hours of preparation. If not used immediately, the solution may be stored under refrigeration conditions (2°C-8°C) and protected from light for up to 24 hours [a maximum of 8 hours of the total 24 hours can be at room temperature (20°C-25°C) and room light]. Other in-use storage time and conditions are the responsibility of the user.

Disposal

Do not store any unused portion of the infusion solution for reuse. Any unused medicine or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.