



**PRESS RELEASE**

## **Ipsen receives positive CHMP opinion recommending Cabometyx® in combination with Opdivo® as first-line treatment for patients living with advanced renal cell carcinoma**

- Recommendation based on the Phase III CheckMate -9ER trial, in which Cabometyx® (cabozantinib) in combination with Opdivo® (nivolumab) doubled progression-free survival and significantly improved overall survival and response rates<sup>1</sup>
- Cabometyx® in combination with Opdivo® showed consistent efficacy benefits across key subgroups of patients<sup>1</sup>
- Patients treated with Cabometyx® in combination with Opdivo® reported significantly better health-related quality of life and a lower rate of discontinuation versus sunitinib<sup>2,3</sup>

**PARIS, FRANCE, 26 February 2021** – Ipsen (Euronext: IPN; ADR: IPSEY) today announced that the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) has recommended approval for Cabometyx® (cabozantinib) in combination with Bristol Myers Squibb's Opdivo® (nivolumab) for the first-line treatment of advanced renal cell carcinoma (aRCC). The European Commission, which has the authority to approve medicines for the European Union (E.U.), will now review the CHMP recommendation and a final decision on the application in the E.U. is expected in the coming months.

“Advanced renal cell carcinoma is a disease that significantly impacts the lives of people around the world. We're proud to be able to share that the CHMP has confirmed a positive recommendation for Cabometyx® in combination with Opdivo®, bringing this impactful new treatment option one step closer for patients,” said Howard Mayer, Executive Vice President and Head of Research and Development, Ipsen. “At Ipsen, we are committed to progressing treatment for cancers which have an urgent need for additional therapeutic options and this recommendation marks an important milestone in achieving this.”

The CHMP adopted the positive opinion based on results from the pivotal Phase III CheckMate -9ER trial, which demonstrated significant and clinically meaningful improvements in progression-free survival (PFS), overall survival (OS) and objective response rate (ORR) compared to sunitinib, with consistent efficacy benefits observed across key subgroups of patients.<sup>1</sup> Cabometyx® combined with Opdivo® was well tolerated and reflected the known safety profiles of the immunotherapy and tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) components in first-line advanced RCC.<sup>1</sup> The full data from the CheckMate -9ER trial were presented during a Presidential Symposium at the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) Virtual Congress 2020. At the recent American Society of Clinical Oncology 2021 Genitourinary Cancers Symposium (ASCO GU), additional data from the CheckMate -9ER trial were also presented, highlighting sustained superior efficacy with a longer duration of follow-up as well as significantly improved health-related quality of life outcomes for the combination versus sunitinib.<sup>2,3</sup>

Ipsen and its partners have shared the CheckMate -9ER data with regulatory authorities around the world. The combination of Cabometyx® and Opdivo® was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as first-line treatment for patients living with advanced renal cell carcinoma in January 2021.

“Today's news is welcomed by physicians treating people living with advanced renal cell carcinoma,” said Dr. Cristina Suárez, Medical Oncologist at the Vall d'Hebron University Hospital, Barcelona, Spain, and a lead investigator on the Phase III CheckMate -9ER trial. “The positive CHMP opinion brings us one step closer to the promise of a new approach that combines improved treatment outcomes, a favorable tolerability profile and superior health-related quality of life for patients.”

### **About renal cell carcinoma**

There are over 400,000 new cases of kidney cancer diagnosed worldwide each year.<sup>4</sup> Of these, renal

cell carcinoma (RCC) is the most common type of kidney cancer, accounting for approximately 90% of cases.<sup>5,6</sup> It is twice as common in men, and male patients account for over two thirds of deaths.<sup>4</sup> If detected in the early stages, the five-year survival rate is high, but for patients with advanced or late-stage metastatic RCC the survival rate is much lower, around 12%, with no identified cure for this disease.<sup>7,8</sup>

### **About the CheckMate -9ER trial**

CheckMate -9ER is an open-label, randomized, multi-national Phase III trial evaluating patients with previously untreated advanced or metastatic RCC. A total of 651 patients (23% favorable risk, 58% intermediate risk, 20% poor risk; 25% PD-L1  $\geq$ 1%) were randomized to Cabometyx<sup>®</sup> plus Opdivo<sup>®</sup> (n= 323) versus sunitinib (n= 328). The primary endpoint is progression-free survival (PFS). Secondary endpoints include overall survival (OS) and objective response rate (ORR). The primary efficacy analysis is comparing the doublet combination versus sunitinib in all randomized patients. The trial is sponsored by Bristol Myers Squibb and Ono Pharmaceutical Co and co-funded by Exelixis, Ipsen and Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited.

### **About Cabometyx<sup>®</sup> (cabozantinib)**

Cabometyx<sup>®</sup> is currently approved in 57 countries, including in the European Union, the U.K., Norway, Iceland, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, South Korea, Canada, Brazil, Taiwan, Hong-Kong, Singapore, Macau, Jordan, Lebanon, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Israel, Mexico, Chile, Peru, Panama, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Thailand for the treatment of advanced RCC in adults who have received prior VEGF-targeted therapy; in the European Union, the U.K., Norway, Iceland, Canada, Australia, Brazil, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Lebanon, Jordan, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Mexico, Chile, Peru, Panama, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Thailand for previously untreated intermediate- or poor-risk advanced RCC; and in the European Union, the U.K., Norway, Iceland, Canada, Australia, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Israel, Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, Jordan, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Turkey, Lebanon, United Arab Emirates, Peru, Panama, Guatemala, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Thailand for HCC in adults who have previously been treated with sorafenib.

The detailed recommendations for the use of Cabometyx<sup>®</sup> are described in the [Summary of Product Characteristics](#) (SmPC) and in the [U.S. Prescribing Information](#) (PI).

Cabometyx<sup>®</sup> is marketed by Exelixis, Inc. in the United States and by Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited in Japan. Ipsen has exclusive rights for the commercialization and further clinical development of Cabometyx<sup>®</sup> outside of the U.S. and Japan. Cabometyx<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of Exelixis, Inc.

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