

AUSTRALIAN PRODUCT INFORMATION – KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab (rch))

1 NAME OF THE MEDICINE

pembrolizumab (rch)

2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

KEYTRUDA® 50 mg powder for injection

One vial contains 50 mg of pembrolizumab.

After reconstitution, 1 mL of solution contains 25 mg of pembrolizumab.

KEYTRUDA® 100 mg/4 mL concentrated injection

One vial contains 100 mg of pembrolizumab in 4 mL of solution.

For the full list of excipients, see Section 6.1 List of excipients.

3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

KEYTRUDA® 50 mg powder for injection

KEYTRUDA 50 mg powder for injection is a sterile, preservative-free, white to off-white lyophilised powder.

Not for direct infusion or injection (see Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION).

KEYTRUDA® 100 mg/4 mL concentrated injection

KEYTRUDA 100 mg/4 mL concentrated injection is a sterile, preservative-free, clear to slightly opalescent, colourless to slightly yellow solution.

Not for direct infusion or injection (see Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION).

4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 THERAPEUTIC INDICATIONS

KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab) is indicated as monotherapy for the treatment of unresectable or metastatic melanoma in adults.

KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab) is indicated as monotherapy for the first-line treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung carcinoma (NSCLC) whose tumours express PD-L1 with a $\geq 50\%$ tumour proportion score (TPS) as determined by a validated test, with no EGFR or ALK genomic tumour aberrations.

KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab), in combination with pemetrexed and platinum chemotherapy, is indicated for the first-line treatment of patients with metastatic non-squamous NSCLC. This indication is approved based on tumour response rate and progression-free survival in a Phase-2 trial.

KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab) is indicated as monotherapy for the treatment of patients with

advanced NSCLC whose tumours express PD-L1 with a $\geq 1\%$ TPS as determined by a validated test and who have received platinum-containing chemotherapy. Patients with EGFR or ALK genomic tumour aberrations should have received prior therapy for these aberrations prior to receiving KEYTRUDA.

KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab) is indicated as monotherapy for the treatment of patients with recurrent or metastatic head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC) with disease progression on or after platinum-containing chemotherapy. This indication is approved based on overall response rate and duration of response. Improvements in overall survival, progression-free survival or health-related quality of life have not been established.

KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab) is indicated as monotherapy for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory classical Hodgkin Lymphoma (cHL):

1. following autologous stem cell transplant (ASCT) or
2. following at least two prior therapies when ASCT or multi-agent chemotherapy is not a treatment option.

The approval of this indication is on the basis of objective response rate (ORR). See Section 5.1 PHARMACODYNAMIC PROPERTIES, Clinical Trials.

KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab) is indicated as monotherapy for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma who are not eligible for cisplatin-containing therapy and whose tumours express PD-L1 [Combined Positive Score (CPS) ≥ 10], or in patients who are not eligible for any platinum-containing chemotherapy regardless of PD-L1 status. This indication is approved based on overall response rate and duration of response in a single-arm study. Improvements in overall survival, progression-free survival, or health-related quality of life have not been established.

KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab) is indicated as monotherapy for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma who have received platinum-containing chemotherapy.

4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

Treatment must be initiated and supervised by specialised healthcare professionals experienced in the treatment of cancer.

Patient Selection

For the treatment of Non-Small Cell Lung Carcinoma as monotherapy

Patients should be selected for treatment of advanced NSCLC with KEYTRUDA based on the presence of positive PD-L1 expression [see Section 5.1 PHARMACODYNAMIC PROPERTIES, Clinical Trials].

Determination of PD-L1 expression should be performed by laboratories with demonstrated proficiency in the in-vitro diagnostic technology being employed.

Recommended Dosing

KEYTRUDA is administered as an intravenous infusion over 30 minutes every 3 weeks.

The recommended dose of KEYTRUDA is:

- 200 mg for head and neck cancer, classical Hodgkin Lymphoma, urothelial carcinoma or NSCLC.

- Either 2 mg/kg or a fixed dose of 200 mg for melanoma.

When administering KEYTRUDA as part of a combination with pemetrexed and carboplatin, KEYTRUDA should be administered first. See also the Product Information for pemetrexed and carboplatin.

Patients should be treated with KEYTRUDA until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Patients with urothelial carcinoma or NSCLC without disease progression can be treated for up to 24 months or 35 cycles [see Section 5.1 PHARMACODYNAMIC PROPERTIES, Clinical Trials]. 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. Clinically stable patients with initial evidence of disease progression can under some circumstances remain on treatment until disease progression is confirmed (see Section 5.1 PHARMACODYNAMIC PROPERTIES, Clinical Trials for a description of the circumstances where such continued treatment was allowed in the pivotal studies).

Dose Modifications

Table 1: Recommended Dose Modifications [see Section 4.4 SPECIAL WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR USE]

Adverse reactions	Severity	Dose modification
Immune-mediated pneumonitis	Moderate (Grade 2)	Withhold until adverse reactions recover to Grade 0-1*
	Severe or life-threatening (Grade 3 or 4) or recurrent moderate (Grade 2)	Permanently discontinue
Immune-mediated colitis	Moderate or severe (Grade 2 or 3)	Withhold until adverse reactions recover to Grade 0-1*
	Life-threatening (Grade 4) or recurrent severe (Grade 3)	Permanently discontinue
Immune-mediated nephritis	Moderate (Grade 2)	Withhold until adverse reactions recover to Grade 0-1*
	Severe or life-threatening (Grade 3 or 4)	Permanently discontinue
Immune-mediated endocrinopathies	Severe or life-threatening (Grade 3 or 4)	Withhold until adverse reactions recover to Grade 0-1* For patients with severe (Grade 3) or life-threatening (Grade 4) endocrinopathy that improves to Grade 2 or lower and is controlled with hormone replacement, continuation of KEYTRUDA may be considered.
Immune-mediated hepatitis	Aspartate aminotransferase (AST) or alanine aminotransferase (ALT) >3 to 5 times upper limit of normal (ULN) or total bilirubin >1.5 to 3 times ULN	Withhold until adverse reactions recover to Grade 0-1*
	AST or ALT >5 times ULN or	Permanently discontinue

	total bilirubin >3 times ULN	
	For patients with liver metastases who begin treatment with moderate (Grade 2) elevation of AST or ALT, if AST or ALT increases $\geq 50\%$ relative to baseline and lasts ≥ 1 week	Permanently discontinue
Immune-mediated skin reactions or Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) or toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN)	Severe skin reactions (Grade 3) or suspected SJS or TEN	Withhold until adverse reactions recover to Grade 0-1*
	Severe skin reactions (Grade 4) or confirmed SJS or TEN	Permanently discontinue
Other immune-mediated adverse reactions	Based on severity and type of reaction (Grade 2 or Grade 3)	Withhold until adverse reactions recover to Grade 0-1*
	Severe or life-threatening (Grade 3 or 4) myocarditis, encephalitis, or Guillain-Barré syndrome	Permanently discontinue
	Life-threatening (Grade 4) or recurrent severe (Grade 3)	Permanently discontinue
Infusion-related reactions	Severe or life-threatening (Grade 3 or 4)	Permanently discontinue

Note: toxicity grades are in accordance with National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events Version 4.0 (NCI CTCAE v.4)

* If corticosteroid dosing cannot be reduced to ≤ 10 mg prednisone or equivalent per day within 12 weeks or a treatment-related toxicity does not resolve to Grade 0-1 within 12 weeks after last dose of KEYTRUDA, then KEYTRUDA should be permanently discontinued.

In patients with cHL with Grade 4 hematological toxicity, KEYTRUDA should be withheld until adverse reactions recover to Grade 0-1.

Preparation and Administration

Preparation of KEYTRUDA 50 mg powder for injection

- Prior to reconstitution, the vial of lyophilised powder can be out of refrigeration (temperatures at or below 25°C) for up to 24 hours.
- Aseptically add 2.3 mL of sterile water for injection to yield a 25 mg/mL (pH 5.2-5.8) solution of KEYTRUDA.
- To avoid foaming, deliver the water along the walls of the vial and not directly on the lyophilised powder.
- Slowly swirl the vial to allow reconstitution of the lyophilised powder. Allow up to 5 minutes for the bubbles to clear. Do not shake the vials.
- Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. Reconstituted KEYTRUDA is a clear to slightly opalescent, colourless to slightly yellow solution. Discard the vial if visible particles are observed.
- Withdraw the required volume up to 2 mL (50 mg) of KEYTRUDA and transfer into an intravenous bag containing 0.9% sodium chloride or 5% glucose (dextrose) to prepare a diluted solution with a final concentration ranging from 1 to 10 mg/mL. Mix diluted solution by gentle inversion (see Administration).

Preparation of KEYTRUDA 100 mg/4 mL concentrated injection

- Protect from light. Do not freeze. Do not shake.
- Equilibrate the vial of KEYTRUDA to room temperature.
- Prior to dilution, the vial of liquid can be out of refrigeration (temperatures at or below 25°C) for up to 24 hours.
- Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. KEYTRUDA is a clear to slightly opalescent, colourless to slightly yellow solution. Discard the vial if visible particles are observed.
- Withdraw the required volume up to 4 mL (100 mg) of KEYTRUDA and transfer into an intravenous bag containing 0.9% sodium chloride or 5% glucose (dextrose) to prepare a diluted solution with a final concentration ranging from 1 to 10 mg/mL. Mix diluted solution by gentle inversion (see Administration).

Administration

- Do not freeze the infusion solution.
- The product does not contain preservative. The reconstituted and/or diluted product should be used immediately. If not used immediately, reconstituted and diluted solutions of KEYTRUDA solutions may be stored at room temperature for a cumulative time of up to 6 hours. Reconstituted and diluted solutions of KEYTRUDA may also be stored under refrigeration at 2°C to 8°C; however, the total time from reconstitution or dilution of KEYTRUDA to completion of infusion should not exceed 24 hours. If refrigerated, allow the vials and/or IV bags to come to room temperature prior to use.
- Administer infusion solution intravenously over 30 minutes using a sterile, non-pyrogenic, low-protein binding 0.2 to 5 µm in-line or add-on filter.
- Do not co-administer other drugs through the same infusion line.
- Product is for single use in one patient only, Discard any residue.

Paediatric Patients

Safety and efficacy of KEYTRUDA in children below 18 years of age have not yet been established.

Geriatric Patients

No overall differences in safety or efficacy were reported between elderly patients (65 years and over) and younger patients (less than 65 years). No dose adjustment is necessary in this population.

Renal Insufficiency

No dose adjustment is needed for patients with mild or moderate renal impairment. KEYTRUDA has not been studied in patients with severe renal impairment [See Section 5.2 PHARMACOKINETIC PROPERTIES, Special populations].

Hepatic Insufficiency

No dose adjustment is needed for patients with mild hepatic impairment. KEYTRUDA has not been studied in patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment [See Section 5.2 PHARMACOKINETIC PROPERTIES, Special populations].

4.3 CONTRAINDICATIONS

None.

4.4 SPECIAL WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

Immune-mediated Adverse Reactions

Immune-mediated adverse reactions, including severe and fatal cases, have occurred in patients receiving KEYTRUDA. In clinical trials, most immune-mediated adverse reactions occurred during treatment, were reversible and managed with interruptions of KEYTRUDA, administration of corticosteroids and/or supportive care. Immune-related adverse reactions have also occurred after the last dose of KEYTRUDA. Immune-mediated adverse reactions affecting more than one body system can occur simultaneously.

For suspected immune-mediated adverse reactions, ensure adequate evaluation to confirm etiology or exclude other causes. Based on the severity of the adverse reaction, withhold KEYTRUDA and consider administration of corticosteroids. Upon improvement to Grade 1 or less, initiate corticosteroid taper and continue to taper over at least 1 month. Based on limited data from clinical studies in patients whose immune-related adverse reactions could not be controlled with corticosteroid use, administration of other systemic immunosuppressants can be considered. Restart KEYTRUDA if the adverse reaction remains at Grade 1 or less following corticosteroid taper. If another episode of a severe adverse reaction occurs, permanently discontinue KEYTRUDA [See Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION and Section 4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS)].

Immune-mediated pneumonitis

Pneumonitis (including fatal cases) has been reported in patients receiving KEYTRUDA [See Section 4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS)].

Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of pneumonitis. If pneumonitis is suspected, evaluate with radiographic imaging and exclude other causes. Administer corticosteroids for Grade 2 or greater events (initial dose of 1-2 mg/kg/day prednisone or equivalent followed by a taper), withhold KEYTRUDA for moderate (Grade 2) pneumonitis, and permanently discontinue KEYTRUDA for severe (Grade 3), life-threatening (Grade 4) or recurrent moderate (Grade 2) pneumonitis [See Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION, Section 4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS) and Immune-mediated Adverse Reactions above].

Immune-mediated colitis

Colitis has been reported in patients receiving KEYTRUDA [See Section 4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS)].

Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of colitis and exclude other causes. Administer corticosteroids for Grade 2 or greater events (initial dose of 1-2 mg/kg/day prednisone or equivalent followed by a taper), withhold KEYTRUDA for moderate (Grade 2) or severe (Grade 3) colitis, and permanently discontinue KEYTRUDA for life-threatening (Grade 4) colitis [See Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION, Section 4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS) and Immune-mediated Adverse Reactions above]. The potential risk of gastrointestinal perforation should be taken into consideration.

Immune-mediated hepatitis

Hepatitis has been reported in patients receiving KEYTRUDA [See Section 4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS)].

Monitor patients for changes in liver function (at the start of treatment, periodically during treatment and as indicated based on clinical evaluation) and symptoms of hepatitis and exclude other causes. Administer corticosteroids (initial dose of 0.5-1 mg/kg/day [for Grade 2 events] and 1-2 mg/kg/day [for Grade 3 or greater events] prednisone or equivalent followed by a taper) and, based on severity of liver enzyme elevations, withhold or discontinue KEYTRUDA [See Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION, Section 4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS) and Immune-mediated Adverse Reactions above].

Immune-mediated nephritis

Nephritis has been reported in patients receiving KEYTRUDA [See Section 4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS)]. Nephritis appears to be more common when pembrolizumab is used in combination with pemetrexed and platinum chemotherapy. Monitor patients for changes in renal function and exclude other causes. Administer corticosteroids for Grade 2 or greater events (initial dose of 1-2 mg/kg/day prednisone or equivalent followed by a taper), withhold KEYTRUDA for moderate (Grade 2), and permanently discontinue KEYTRUDA for severe (Grade 3) or life-threatening (Grade 4) nephritis. [See Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION, Section 4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS) and Immune-mediated Adverse Reactions above].

Immune-mediated endocrinopathies

Hypophysitis has been reported in patients receiving KEYTRUDA [See Section 4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS)].

Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of hypophysitis (including hypopituitarism and secondary adrenal insufficiency) and exclude other causes. Administer corticosteroids to treat secondary adrenal insufficiency and other hormone replacement as clinically indicated, withhold KEYTRUDA for moderate (Grade 2), withhold or discontinue KEYTRUDA for severe (Grade 3) or life-threatening (Grade 4) hypophysitis. [See Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION, Section 4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS) and Immune-mediated Adverse Reactions above].

Type 1 diabetes mellitus, including diabetic ketoacidosis, has been reported in patients receiving KEYTRUDA [See Section 4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS)]. Monitor patients for hyperglycaemia or other signs and symptoms of diabetes. Administer insulin for type 1 diabetes, and withhold KEYTRUDA in cases of severe hyperglycaemia until metabolic control is achieved.

Thyroid disorders, including hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism and thyroiditis, have been reported in patients receiving KEYTRUDA and can occur at any time during treatment, therefore monitor patients for changes in thyroid function (at the start of treatment, periodically during treatment and as indicated based on clinical evaluation) and clinical signs and symptoms of thyroid disorders. Hypothyroidism may be managed with replacement therapy without treatment interruption and without corticosteroids. Hyperthyroidism may be managed symptomatically. Withhold or discontinue KEYTRUDA for severe (Grade 3) or life-threatening (Grade 4) hyperthyroidism [See Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION, Section 4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS) and Immune-mediated Adverse Reactions above].

For patients with severe (Grade 3) or life-threatening (Grade 4) endocrinopathy that improves to Grade 2 or lower and is controlled with hormone replacement, continuation of KEYTRUDA may be considered.

Severe skin reactions

Immune-mediated severe skin reactions have been reported in patients treated with KEYTRUDA. Monitor patients for suspected severe skin reactions and exclude other causes. Based on the severity of the adverse reaction, withhold or permanently discontinue KEYTRUDA and administer corticosteroids [See Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION].

Cases of Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS), toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), and bullous pemphigoid, have been reported in patients treated with KEYTRUDA. Some cases of SJS and TEN have had a fatal outcome. For signs or symptoms of SJS or TEN, withhold KEYTRUDA and refer the patient for specialized care for assessment and treatment. If SJS or TEN is confirmed, permanently discontinue KEYTRUDA. [See Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION].

Other immune-mediated adverse reactions

The following additional clinically significant, immune-mediated adverse reactions were reported in less than 1% of patients treated with KEYTRUDA in KEYNOTE-001, KEYNOTE-002, KEYNOTE-006, and KEYNOTE-010: uveitis, myositis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, pancreatitis, encephalitis, sarcoidosis and myasthenic syndrome. The following was reported in other clinical studies with KEYTRUDA or in post-marketing use: myocarditis.

Cases of these immune-mediated adverse reactions, some of which were severe, have been reported in clinical trials or in post-marketing use.

Solid organ transplant rejection has been reported in the post-marketing setting in patients treated with KEYTRUDA. Treatment with KEYTRUDA may increase the risk of rejection in solid organ transplant recipients. Consider the benefit of treatment with KEYTRUDA versus the risk of possible organ rejection in these patients.

Increased mortality in patients with multiple myeloma when KEYTRUDA is added to a thalidomide analogue and dexamethasone

In two randomized clinical trials in patients with multiple myeloma, the addition of KEYTRUDA to a thalidomide analogue plus dexamethasone, a use for which no PD-1 blocking antibody is indicated, resulted in increased mortality. Treatment of patients with multiple myeloma with a PD-1 blocking antibody in combination with a thalidomide analogue plus dexamethasone is not recommended outside of controlled clinical trials.

Infusion-related reactions

Severe infusion reactions, including hypersensitivity and anaphylaxis, have been reported in 6 (0.2%) of 2799 patients receiving KEYTRUDA in KEYNOTE-001, KEYNOTE-002, KEYNOTE-006 and KEYNOTE-010. For severe infusion reactions, stop infusion and permanently discontinue KEYTRUDA [See Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION]. Patients with mild or moderate infusion reaction may continue to receive KEYTRUDA with close monitoring; premedication with antipyretic and antihistamine may be considered.

Patients excluded from clinical trials

Patients with HIV, HBV, HCV, other active infections requiring therapy; and patients with a history of severe immune-mediated adverse reactions with ipilimumab, defined as any Grade 4 toxicity requiring treatment with corticosteroids or Grade 3 toxicity requiring corticosteroid treatment (greater than 10 mg/day prednisone or equivalent dose) for greater than 12 weeks were excluded from the trial. No clinical data is available. Caution should be used in these patient populations.

Patients who experienced less severe adverse reactions (including immune-mediated) on ipilimumab that resolved or improved to Grade 0-1 and ≤ 10 mg/day prednisone (or equivalent dose) for immune-mediated adverse events for at least two weeks prior to first dose of KEYTRUDA were included in the clinical trial. Caution should be used in this patient population.

Patient Alert Card

The prescriber must discuss the risks of KEYTRUDA therapy with the patient. The patient should be provided with the Patient Alert Card.

Effects on Fertility

Fertility studies have not been conducted with pembrolizumab. There were no notable effects on male and female reproductive organs observed in general repeat-dose toxicity studies conducted with pembrolizumab in Cynomolgus monkeys, involving IV administration at doses up to 200 mg/kg once a week for 1 month or once every two weeks for 6 months. No findings of toxicological significance were observed and the no observed adverse effect level (NOAEL) in both studies was ≥ 200 mg/kg, which produced exposure multiples of 19 and 94 times the exposure in humans at doses of 10 and 2 mg/kg, respectively. The exposure multiple between the NOAEL and a human dose of 200 mg was 74.

Use in Pregnancy

There are no data on the use of pembrolizumab in pregnant women. Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with pembrolizumab; however, blockade of the PD-1 pathway has been shown in mouse models of pregnancy to disrupt tolerance to the foetus and to result in an increase in foetal loss. These results indicate a potential risk, based on its mechanism of action, that administration of KEYTRUDA during pregnancy could cause foetal harm, including increased rates of abortion or stillbirth. Human IgG4 (immunoglobulin) is known to cross the placental barrier and pembrolizumab is an IgG4; therefore, pembrolizumab has the potential to be transmitted from the mother to the developing foetus. KEYTRUDA is not recommended during pregnancy unless the clinical benefit outweighs the potential risk to the foetus. Women of childbearing potential should use effective contraception during treatment with KEYTRUDA and for at least 4 months following the last dose of KEYTRUDA.

Use in Lactation

It is unknown whether KEYTRUDA is secreted in human milk. Because many drugs are secreted in human milk, a decision should be made whether to discontinue breast-feeding or to discontinue KEYTRUDA, taking into account the benefit of breast-feeding for the child and the benefit of KEYTRUDA therapy for the woman.

Paediatric Use

Safety and efficacy of KEYTRUDA in children below 18 years of age have not yet been established.

Use in the elderly

No overall differences in safety or efficacy were reported between elderly patients (65 years and over) and younger patients (less than 65 years). No dose adjustment is necessary in this population.

Effect on Laboratory Tests

Thyroid and liver (hepatic transaminase and bilirubin levels) function tests should be performed at the start of treatment, periodically during treatment and as indicated based on clinical evaluation [see Section 4.4 SPECIAL WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR USE and Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION].

Complications of allogeneic Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT)

Allogeneic HSCT after treatment with KEYTRUDA in classical Hodgkin Lymphoma

Immune-mediated complications, including fatal events, occurred in patients who underwent allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) after being treated with KEYTRUDA. Of 23 patients with cHL who proceeded to allogeneic HSCT after treatment with KEYTRUDA on any trial, 6 patients (26%) developed graft-versus-host-disease (GVHD), one of which was fatal, and 2 patients (9%) developed severe hepatic veno-occlusive disease (VOD) after reduced-intensity conditioning, one of which was fatal. Cases of fatal hyperacute GVHD after allogeneic HSCT have also been reported in patients with lymphoma who received a PD-1 receptor blocking antibody before transplantation. These complications may occur despite intervening therapy between PD-1 blockade and allogeneic HSCT. Follow patients closely for early evidence of transplant-related complications such as hyperacute GVHD, severe (Grade 3 to 4) acute GVHD, steroid-requiring febrile syndrome, hepatic VOD, and other immune mediated adverse reactions, and intervene promptly.

Allogeneic HSCT prior to treatment with KEYTRUDA

In patients with a history of allogeneic HSCT, acute GVHD, including fatal GVHD, has been reported after treatment with KEYTRUDA. Patients who experienced GVHD after their transplant procedure may be at increased risk for GVHD after treatment with KEYTRUDA. Consider the benefit of treatment with KEYTRUDA versus the risk of possible GVHD in patients with a history of allogeneic HSCT.

Use of pembrolizumab in urothelial carcinoma patients who have received prior platinum-containing chemotherapy

Physicians should consider the delayed onset of pembrolizumab effect before initiating treatment in patients with poorer prognostic features and/or aggressive disease. In urothelial cancer, a higher number of deaths within 2 months was observed in pembrolizumab compared to chemotherapy (see Section 5.1 PHARMACODYNAMIC PROPERTIES, Clinical Trials). Factors associated with early deaths were fast progressive disease on prior platinum therapy and liver metastases.

Use of pembrolizumab in urothelial cancer for patients who are considered cisplatin ineligible

The baseline and prognostic disease characteristics of the study population of KEYNOTE-052 included a proportion of patients eligible for a carboplatin-based combination or mono-chemotherapy for whom the benefit has not yet been assessed in a comparative study. No safety and efficacy data are available in frailer patients (e.g., ECOG performance status 3) considered not eligible for chemotherapy. In the absence of these data, pembrolizumab should be used with caution in this population after careful consideration of the potential risk-benefit on an individual basis.

4.5 INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER MEDICINES AND OTHER FORMS OF INTERACTIONS

No formal pharmacokinetic drug interaction studies have been conducted with KEYTRUDA. Since pembrolizumab is cleared from the circulation through catabolism, no metabolic drug-drug interactions are expected.

The use of systemic corticosteroids or immunosuppressants before starting KEYTRUDA should be avoided because of their potential interference with the pharmacodynamic activity and efficacy of KEYTRUDA. However, systemic corticosteroids or other immunosuppressants can be used after starting KEYTRUDA to treat immune-mediated adverse reactions [See Section 4.4 SPECIAL WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR USE].

4.6 FERTILITY, PREGNANCY AND LACTATION

Effects on fertility

See Section 4.4 SPECIAL WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR USE, Effects on Fertility.

Use in pregnancy

Category D (See Section 4.4 SPECIAL WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR USE, Use in Pregnancy).

Use in lactation

See Section 4.4 SPECIAL WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR USE, Use in Lactation.

4.7 EFFECTS ON ABILITY TO DRIVE AND USE MACHINES

KEYTRUDA may have an influence on the ability to drive and use machines. Fatigue has been reported following administration of KEYTRUDA [see Section 4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS)].

4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS)

Clinical trials experience

The safety of KEYTRUDA was evaluated in 2799 patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma or metastatic NSCLC in controlled and uncontrolled studies. The median treatment duration was 4.2 months (range 1 day to 30.4 months) including 1153 patients treated for greater than or equal to six months and 600 patients treated for greater than or equal to one year.

KEYTRUDA was discontinued for treatment-related adverse reactions in 5% of patients.

Treatment-related serious adverse events (SAEs) reported up to 90 days after the last dose occurred in 10% of patients receiving KEYTRUDA. Of these treatment-related SAEs, the most common were: pneumonitis, colitis, diarrhoea, and pyrexia. The most common treatment-related adverse reactions (reported in >10% of patients) were: fatigue, pruritus, rash, diarrhoea, and nausea. The safety profile was generally similar for patients with melanoma and NSCLC.

Immune-mediated adverse reactions [see Section 4.4 SPECIAL WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR USE]

Immune-mediated adverse reactions are presented based on 2799 patients with melanoma and NSCLC. The safety profile was generally similar for patients with melanoma and NSCLC. Table 2 presents the incidence of immune-mediated adverse reactions by Grade that occurred in patients receiving KEYTRUDA.

Table 2: Immune-mediated Adverse Reactions

Adverse Reaction	KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks or 10 mg/kg every 2 or 3 weeks n=2799				
	All Grades (%)	Grade 2 (%)	Grade 3 (%)	Grade 4 (%)	Grade 5 (%)
Hypothyroidism*	8.5	6.2	0.1	0	0
Hyperthyroidism	3.4	0.8	0.1	0	0
Pneumonitis	3.4	1.3	0.9	0.3	0.1
Colitis	1.7	0.4	1.1	<0.1	0
Hepatitis	0.7	0.1	0.4	<0.1	0
Hypophysitis	0.6	0.2	0.3	<0.1	0
Nephritis†	0.3	0.1	0.1	<0.1	0
Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus	0.2	<0.1	0.1	0.1	0

* In patients with HNSCC (n=192) the incidence of hypothyroidism was 14.6% (all Grades) with 0.5% Grade 3. In patients with cHL (n=241) the incidence of hypothyroidism was 14.1% (all Grades) with 0.4% Grade 3.

† In an on-going clinical study in patients with non-squamous NSCLC treated with KEYTRUDA 200 mg in combination with pemetrexed and platinum chemotherapy (n=405), the incidence of nephritis was 1.7% (all Grades) with 1.0% Grade 3 and 0.5% Grade 4.

Incidences of pneumonitis in individual studies in melanoma and non-small cell lung cancer ranged from 1.6% to 5.8%.

Endocrinopathies: The median time to onset of hypophysitis was 3.7 months (range 1 day to 11.9 months). The median duration was 4.7 months (range 8+ days to 12.7+ months). Hypophysitis led to discontinuation of KEYTRUDA in 4 (0.1%) patients. Hypophysitis resolved in 7 patients. The median time to onset of hyperthyroidism was 1.4 months (range 1 day to 21.9 months). The median duration was 2.1 months (range 3 days to 15.0+ months). Hyperthyroidism led to discontinuation of KEYTRUDA in 2 (<0.1%) patients. Hyperthyroidism resolved in 71 patients. The median time to onset of hypothyroidism was 3.5 months (range 1 day to 18.9 months). The median duration was not reached (range 2 days to 27.7+ months). One (<0.1%) patient discontinued KEYTRUDA due to hypothyroidism.

Pneumonitis: The median time to onset of pneumonitis was 3.3 months (range 2 days to 19.3 months). The median duration was 1.5 months (range 1 day to 17.2+ months). Pneumonitis led to discontinuation of KEYTRUDA in 36 (1.3%) patients. Pneumonitis resolved in 55 patients.

Colitis: The median time to onset of colitis was 3.5 months (range 10 days to 16.2 months). The median duration was 1.3 months (range 1 day to 8.7+ months). Colitis led to discontinuation of KEYTRUDA in 15 (0.5%) patients. Colitis resolved in 41 patients.

Hepatitis: The median time to onset of hepatitis was 1.3 months (range 8 days to 21.4 months). The median duration was 1.8 months (range 8 days to 20.9+ months). Hepatitis led to discontinuation of KEYTRUDA in 6 (0.2%) patients. Hepatitis resolved in 15 patients.

Nephritis: The median time to onset of nephritis was 5.1 months (range 12 days to 12.8 months). The median duration was 3.3 months (range 12 days to 8.9+ months). Nephritis led to discontinuation of KEYTRUDA in 3 (0.1%) patients. Nephritis resolved in 5 patients.

Other adverse events

Melanoma

Table 3 summarizes the adverse events that occurred in at least 10% of patients with melanoma treated with KEYTRUDA in KEYNOTE-006. The most common adverse events (reported in at least 15% of patients) were arthralgia and cough.

Table 3: Adverse Events Occurring in $\geq 10\%$ of Patients treated with KEYTRUDA and at a Higher Incidence than in the Ipilimumab Arm (Between Arm Difference of $\geq 5\%$ [All Grades] or $\geq 2\%$ [Grade 3]) (KEYNOTE-006)

Adverse Events	KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 or 3 weeks n=555		Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg every 3 weeks n=256	
	All Grades (%)	Grade 3* (%)	All Grades (%)	Grade 3* (%)
Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders				
Arthralgia	18	0	10	1
Back pain	12	1	7	1
Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders				
Cough	17	0	7	0
Skin And Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders				
Vitiligo	11	0	2	0

* Of these $\geq 10\%$ adverse events, none was reported as Grade 4.

Table 4: Laboratory Abnormalities Worsened from Baseline in $\geq 20\%$ of Patients with Unresectable or Metastatic Melanoma and at a Higher Incidence than in the Ipilimumab Arm (Between Arm Difference of $\geq 5\%$ [All Grades] or $\geq 2\%$ [Grades 3-4]) (KEYNOTE-006)

Laboratory Test	KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 or 3 weeks n=555		Ipilimumab n=256	
	All Grades %	Grades 3-4 %	All Grades %	Grades 3-4 %
Hematology				
Lymphopenia	45	5	36	5
Chemistry				
Hypertriglyceridemia	40	2	33	1

Table 5 summarises the adverse events that occurred in at least 10% of patients treated with KEYTRUDA in KEYNOTE-002. The most common adverse event (reported in at least 20% of patients) was pruritus.

Table 5: Adverse Events Occurring in $\geq 10\%$ of Patients Treated with KEYTRUDA and at a Higher Incidence than in the Chemotherapy Arm (Between Arm Difference of $\geq 5\%$ [All Grades] or $\geq 2\%$ [Grades 3-4]) (KEYNOTE-002)

Adverse Event	KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks n=178		Chemotherapy n=171	
	All Grades (%)	Grade 3-4*	All Grades (%)	Grade 3-4*
Gastrointestinal Disorders				
Abdominal pain	13	2	8	1
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders				
Pruritus	25	0	8	0
Rash	13	0	8	0
Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders				
Hyponatremia	11	3	5	1
Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders				
Arthralgia	15	1	10	1

* Of these $\geq 10\%$ adverse events, none was reported as Grade 4 in patients receiving KEYTRUDA at 2 mg/kg. Hyponatremia was reported as Grade 4 in one patient receiving chemotherapy.

Table 6: Laboratory Abnormalities Worsened from Baseline in $\geq 20\%$ of Patients with Unresectable or Metastatic Melanoma and at a Higher Incidence than in the Chemotherapy Arm (Between Arm Difference of $\geq 5\%$ [All Grades] or $\geq 2\%$ [Grades 3-4]) (KEYNOTE-002)

Laboratory Test	KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks n=178		Chemotherapy n=171	
	All Grades %	Grades 3-4 %	All Grades %	Grades 3-4 %
Chemistry				
Hyperglycaemia	63	9	56	6
Hyponatremia	45	8	29	5
Hypoalbuminemia	43	4	39	1
Increased Aspartate Aminotransferase	26	2	17	1
Increased Alkaline Phosphatase	35	4	28	2
Hematology				
Anemia	69	12	76	8

Overall, the safety profile was similar across all doses and between patients previously treated with ipilimumab and patients naïve to treatment with ipilimumab.

Non-Small Cell Lung Carcinoma

Monotherapy

Table 7 summarizes the adverse events that occurred in at least 10% of previously treated patients with NSCLC receiving KEYTRUDA in KEYNOTE-010. The most common adverse event (reported in at least 15% of patients) was cough. Adverse events occurring in previously untreated patients with NSCLC receiving KEYTRUDA in KEYNOTE-024 were generally similar to those occurring in patients in KEYNOTE-010.

Table 7: Adverse Events Occurring in $\geq 10\%$ of NSCLC Patients Treated with KEYTRUDA and at a Higher Incidence than in the Docetaxel Arm (Between Arm Difference of $\geq 5\%$ [All Grades] or $\geq 2\%$ [Grade 3]) (KEYNOTE-010)

Adverse Event	KEYTRUDA 2 or 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks n=682		Docetaxel 75 mg/m ² every 3 weeks n=309	
	All Grades (%)	Grades 3* (%)	All Grades (%)	Grades 3* (%)
Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders				
Cough	19	1	14	0
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders				
Rash	14	<1	7	0
Pruritis	11	0	3	<1

* Of these $\geq 10\%$ adverse events, none was reported as Grade 4.

Combination Therapy

Table 8 summarizes the adverse events that occurred in at least 20% of patients treated with KEYTRUDA combination therapy in KEYNOTE-021.

Table 8: Adverse events occurring in ≥20% of patients receiving KEYTRUDA with pemetrexed and carboplatin and at a higher incidence than in patients receiving pemetrexed and carboplatin (between-arm difference of ≥5% [All Grades] or ≥2% [Grades 3-4]) (KEYNOTE-021)

Adverse Events	KEYTRUDA + Pemetrexed + Carboplatin n=59		Pemetrexed + Carboplatin n=62	
	All Grades* (%)	Grade 3-4 (%)	All Grades (%)	Grade 3-4 (%)
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions				
Fatigue	71	3.4	50	0
Gastrointestinal Disorders				
Nausea	68	1.7	56	0
Constipation	51	0	37	1.6
Vomiting	39	1.7	27	0
Diarrhea	37	1.7	23	1.6
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders				
Rash	31	1.7	16	0
Pruritus	24	0	4.8	0
Alopecia	20	0	3.2	0
Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders				
Dyspnea	39	3.4	21	0
Nervous System Disorders				
Headache	31	0	16	1.6
Infections and Infestations				
Upper respiratory tract infection	20	0	3.2	0

* Graded per NCI CTCAE v4.0

Head and Neck Cancer

Adverse events occurring in patients with HNSCC were generally similar to those occurring in patients with melanoma or NSCLC, except with respect to the higher rate of hypothyroidism observed in patients with HNSCC (see Table 2). Of these 28 patients, 15 had no prior history of hypothyroidism.

Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma

In patients with cHL, a higher incidence of pyrexia (24%) possibly due to B-symptoms, hypothyroidism (14.1%) and upper respiratory tract infection (13%) have been noted. Other adverse events were generally similar to those occurring in patients with melanoma or NSCLC.

Urothelial Carcinoma

Cisplatin Ineligible Patients with Urothelial Carcinoma

The safety of KEYTRUDA was investigated in Study KEYNOTE-052, a single-arm trial that enrolled 370 patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma who were not eligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy. Patients with autoimmune disease or medical conditions that required systemic corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive medications were ineligible. Patients received KEYTRUDA 200 mg every 3 weeks until unacceptable toxicity or either radiographic or clinical disease progression. The median duration of exposure to KEYTRUDA was 2.8 months (range: 1 day to 15.8 months).

The most common adverse reactions (reported in at least 20% of patients) were fatigue, musculoskeletal pain, decreased appetite, constipation, rash and diarrhea. KEYTRUDA was discontinued due to adverse reactions in 11% of patients. Eighteen patients (5%) died from causes other than disease progression. Five patients (1.4%) who were treated with KEYTRUDA experienced sepsis which led to death, and three patients (0.8%) experienced pneumonia which led to death. Adverse reactions leading to interruption of KEYTRUDA occurred in 22% of patients; the most common ($\geq 1\%$) were liver enzyme increase, diarrhea, urinary tract infection, acute kidney injury, fatigue, joint pain, and pneumonia. Serious adverse reactions occurred in 42% of patients. The most frequent serious adverse reactions ($\geq 2\%$) were urinary tract infection, hematuria, acute kidney injury, pneumonia, and urosepsis.

Immune-related adverse reactions that required systemic glucocorticoids occurred in 8% of patients, use of hormonal supplementation due to an immune-related adverse reaction occurred in 8% of patients, and 5% of patients required at least one steroid dose ≥ 40 mg oral prednisone equivalent.

Table 9 summarizes the incidence of adverse reactions occurring in at least 10% of patients receiving KEYTRUDA.

Table 9: Adverse Reactions Occurring in $\geq 10\%$ of Patients Receiving KEYTRUDA in KEYNOTE-052

Adverse Reaction	KEYTRUDA 200mg every 3 weeks N=370	
	All Grades* (%)	Grades 3 – 4 (%)
All Adverse Reactions	96	49
Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders		
Anemia	17	7
Gastrointestinal Disorders		
Constipation	21	1.1
Diarrhea [†]	20	2.4
Nausea	18	1.1
Abdominal pain [‡]	18	2.7
Elevated LFTs [§]	13	3.5
Vomiting	12	0
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions		
Fatigue [¶]	38	6
Pyrexia	11	0.5
Weight decreased	10	0
Infections and Infestations		
Urinary tract infection	19	9
Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders		
Decreased appetite	22	1.6
Hyponatremia	10	4.1
Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders		
Musculoskeletal pain [#]	24	4.9
Arthralgia	10	1.1
Renal and Urinary Disorders		
Blood creatinine increased	11	1.1
Hematuria	13	3.0
Respiratory, Thoracic, and Mediastinal Disorders		
Cough	14	0
Dyspnea	11	0.5
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders		

Rash ^P	21	0.5
Pruritis	19	0.3
Edema peripheral	14	1.1
<p>* Graded per NCI CTCAE v4.0</p> <p>† Includes diarrhea, colitis, enterocolitis, gastroenteritis, frequent bowel movements</p> <p>‡ Includes abdominal pain, pelvic pain, flank pain, abdominal pain lower, tumor pain, bladder pain, hepatic pain, suprapubic pain, abdominal discomfort, abdominal pain upper</p> <p>§ Includes autoimmune hepatitis, hepatitis, hepatitis toxic, liver injury, transaminases increased, hyperbilirubinemia, blood bilirubin increased, alanine aminotransferase increased, aspartate aminotransferase increased, hepatic enzymes increased, liver function tests increased</p> <p>¶ Includes fatigue, asthenia</p> <p># Includes back pain, bone pain, musculoskeletal chest pain, musculoskeletal pain, myalgia, neck pain, pain in extremity, spinal pain</p> <p>^P Includes dermatitis, dermatitis bullous, eczema, erythema, rash, rash macular, rash maculo-papular, rash pruritic, rash pustular, skin reaction, dermatitis acneform, seborrheic dermatitis, palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome, rash generalized</p>		

Previously Treated Urothelial Carcinoma

The safety of KEYTRUDA for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma with disease progression following platinum-containing chemotherapy was investigated in Study KEYNOTE-045. KEYNOTE-045 was a multicenter, open-label, randomized (1:1), active-controlled trial in which 266 patients received KEYTRUDA 200 mg every 3 weeks or investigator's choice of chemotherapy (n=255), consisting of paclitaxel (n=84), docetaxel (n=84) or vinflunine (n=87) [see Section 5.1 PHARMACODYNAMIC PROPERTIES, Clinical Trials]. Patients with autoimmune disease or a medical condition that required systemic corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive medications were ineligible. The median duration of exposure was 3.5 months (range: 1 day to 20 months) in patients who received KEYTRUDA and 1.5 months (range: 1 day to 14 months) in patients who received chemotherapy.

KEYTRUDA was discontinued due to adverse reactions in 8% of patients. The most common adverse reaction resulting in permanent discontinuation of KEYTRUDA was pneumonitis (1.9%). Adverse reactions leading to interruption of KEYTRUDA occurred in 20% of patients; the most common ($\geq 1\%$) were urinary tract infection (1.5%), diarrhea (1.5%), and colitis (1.1%). The most common adverse reactions (occurring in at least 20% of patients who received KEYTRUDA) were fatigue, musculoskeletal pain, pruritus, decreased appetite, nausea and rash. Serious adverse reactions occurred in 39% of KEYTRUDA-treated patients. The most frequent serious adverse reactions ($\geq 2\%$) in KEYTRUDA-treated patients were urinary tract infection, pneumonia, anemia, and pneumonitis.

Table 10 summarizes the incidence of adverse reactions occurring in at least 10% of patients receiving KEYTRUDA. Table 11 summarizes the incidence of laboratory abnormalities that occurred in at least 20% of patients receiving KEYTRUDA.

Table 10: Adverse Reactions Occurring in ≥10% of Patients Receiving KEYTRUDA in KEYNOTE-045

Adverse Reaction	KEYTRUDA 200 mg every 3 weeks N=266		Chemotherapy* N=255	
	All Grades† (%)	Grades 3 – 4 (%)	All Grades† (%)	Grades 3 – 4 (%)
Gastrointestinal Disorders				
Nausea	21	1.1	29	1.6
Constipation	19	1.1	32	3.1
Diarrhea‡	18	2.3	19	1.6
Vomiting	15	0.4	13	0.4
Abdominal pain	13	1.1	13	2.7
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions				
Fatigue§	38	4.5	56	11
Pyrexia	14	0.8	13	1.2
Infections and Infestations				
Urinary tract infection	15	4.9	14	4.3
Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders				
Decreased appetite	21	3.8	21	1.2
Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders				
Musculoskeletal pain¶	32	3.0	27	2.0
Renal and Urinary Disorders				
Hematuria#	12	2.3	8	1.6
Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders				
Coughᵖ	15	0.4	9	0
Dyspneaᵇ	14	1.9	12	1.2
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders				
Pruritus	23	0	6	0.4
Rash ^à	20	0.4	13	0.4
* Chemotherapy: paclitaxel, docetaxel, or vinflunine † Graded per NCI CTCAE v4.0 ‡ Includes diarrhea, gastroenteritis, colitis, enterocolitis § Includes asthenia, fatigue, malaise lethargy ¶ Includes back pain, myalgia, bone pain, musculoskeletal pain, pain in extremity, musculoskeletal chest pain, musculoskeletal discomfort, neck pain # Includes blood urine present, hematuria, chromaturia ᵖ Includes cough, productive cough ᵇ Includes dyspnea, dyspnea exertional, wheezing à Includes rash maculo-papular, rash genital rash, rash erythematous, rash papular, rash pruritic, rash pustular, erythema, drug eruption, eczema, eczema asteatotic, dermatitis contact, dermatitis acneiform, dermatitis, seborrheic keratosis, lichenoid keratosis				

Table 11: Laboratory Abnormalities Worsened from Baseline Occurring in ≥20% of Urothelial Carcinoma Patients Receiving KEYTRUDA in KEYNOTE-045

Laboratory Test*	KEYTRUDA 200 mg every 3 weeks		Chemotherapy	
	All Grades [†] (%)	Grades 3 – 4 (%)	All Grades [†] (%)	Grades 3 – 4 (%)
Chemistry				
Glucose increased	52	8	60	7
Hemoglobin decreased	52	13	68	18
Lymphocytes decreased	45	15	53	25
Albumin decreased	43	1.7	50	3.8
Sodium decreased	37	9	47	13
Alkaline phosphatase increased	37	7	33	4.9
Creatinine increased	35	4.4	28	2.9
Phosphate decreased	29	8	34	14
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	28	4.1	20	2.5
Potassium increased	28	0.8	27	6
Calcium decreased	26	1.6	34	2.1
* Each test incidence is based on the number of patients who had both baseline and at least one on-study laboratory measurement available: KEYTRUDA (range: 240 to 248 patients) and chemotherapy (range: 238 to 244 patients); phosphate decreased: KEYTRUDA n=232 and chemotherapy n=222.				
† Graded per NCI CTCAE v4.0				

Postmarketing Experience

Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders: arthritis

Reporting suspected adverse effects

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after registration 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 at <http://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems>.

4.9 OVERDOSE

There is no information on overdosage with KEYTRUDA. The maximum tolerated dose of KEYTRUDA has not been determined. In clinical trials, patients received up to 10 mg/kg with a similar safety profile to that seen in patients receiving 2 mg/kg.

In case of overdose, patients must be closely monitored for signs or symptoms of adverse reactions, and appropriate symptomatic treatment instituted.

For information on the management of overdose, contact the Poison Information Centre on 131126 (Australia).

5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 PHARMACODYNAMIC PROPERTIES

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Antineoplastic agents, monoclonal antibodies
ATC code: L01XC18.

Mechanism of action

PD-1 is an immune-checkpoint receptor that limits the activity of T lymphocytes in peripheral tissues. The PD-1 pathway is an immune control checkpoint that may be engaged by tumour cells to inhibit active T-cell immune surveillance. KEYTRUDA is a high affinity antibody against PD-1, which exerts ligand blockade of the PD-1 pathway, including PD-L1 and PD-L2, on antigen presenting or tumour cells. By inhibiting the PD-1 receptor from binding to its ligands, KEYTRUDA reactivates tumour-specific cytotoxic T lymphocytes in the tumour microenvironment and reactivates anti-tumour immunity.

In peripheral blood of patients who received KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks or 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks or 3 weeks, an increased percentage of activated (i.e., HLA-DR+) CD4+ and CD8+ T-cells was observed after treatment at all doses and schedules without an increase in the circulating T-lymphocyte number.

Clinical Trials

Clinical Studies in Unresectable or Metastatic Melanoma

KEYNOTE-006: Controlled trial in melanoma patients naïve to treatment with ipilimumab

The safety and efficacy of KEYTRUDA were investigated in KEYNOTE-006, a multicenter, controlled, Phase III study for the treatment of unresectable or metastatic melanoma in patients who were naïve to ipilimumab and who received no or one prior systemic therapy. Patients were randomised (1:1:1) to receive KEYTRUDA at a dose of 10 mg/kg every 2 (n=279) or 3 weeks (n=277) or ipilimumab (n=278). Randomization was stratified by line of therapy, ECOG performance status, and PD-L1 expression status. The study excluded patients with autoimmune disease or those receiving immunosuppression; previous severe hypersensitivity to other monoclonal antibodies; and HIV, hepatitis B or hepatitis C infection. Patients with BRAF V600E mutant melanoma were not required to have received prior BRAF inhibitor therapy.

Patients were treated with KEYTRUDA until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Clinically stable patients with initial evidence of disease progression were permitted to remain on treatment until disease progression was confirmed. Assessment of tumour status was performed at 12 weeks, then every 6 weeks through week 48, followed by every 12 weeks thereafter.

Of the 834 patients in KEYNOTE-006, 60% were male, 44% were ≥65 years (median age was 62 years [range 18-89]) and 98% were white. Sixty-six percent had no prior systemic therapies and thus received study therapy as first-line treatment whereas 34% had one prior therapy and thus received study therapy as second-line treatment. Thirty-one percent had an ECOG PS of 1 and 69% had an ECOG PS of 0. Eighty percent of patients were PD-L1 positive (PD-L1 membrane expression in ≥1% of tumour and associated immune cells as assessed prospectively by an immunohistochemistry assay with the 22C3 anti-PD-L1 antibody) and 18% were PD-L1 negative. Sixty-five percent of patients had M1c stage, 32% had elevated LDH and 9% had brain metastases. BRAF mutations were reported in 302 (36%) patients. Among patients with BRAF mutant tumours, 139 (46%) were previously treated with a BRAF inhibitor. Baseline characteristics were well-balanced across treatment arms.

The primary efficacy outcome measures were overall survival (OS) and progression free survival (PFS; as assessed by Integrated Radiology and Oncology Assessment [IRO] review using Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours [RECIST 1.1]). Secondary efficacy outcome measures were overall response rate (ORR) and response duration. Table 12 summarizes key efficacy measures.

Table 12: Response to KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 or 3 weeks in patients with ipilimumab-naïve advanced melanoma in KEYNOTE-006

Endpoint	KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks n=277	KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks n=279	Ipilimumab n=278
OS*			
Number (%) of patients with event	92 (33%)	85 (30%)	112 (40%)
Hazard ratio [†] (95% CI)	0.69 (0.52, 0.90)	0.63 (0.47, 0.83)	---
p-Value [‡]	0.00358	0.00052	---
Median in months (95% CI)	Not reached (NA, NA)	Not reached (NA, NA)	Not reached (13, NA)
PFS[§] by IRO[¶]			
Number (%) of patients with event	157 (57%)	157 (56%)	188 (68%)
Hazard ratio [†] (95% CI)	0.58 (0.47, 0.72)	0.58 (0.46, 0.72)	---
p-Value [‡]	<0.00001	<0.00001	---
Median in months (95% CI)	4.1 (2.9, 6.9)	5.5 (3.4, 6.9)	2.8 (2.8, 2.9)
Best overall response[§] by IRO[¶]			
ORR % (95% CI)	33% (27, 39)	34% (28, 40)	12% (8, 16)
Complete response %	6%	5%	1%
Partial response %	27%	29%	10%
Response duration by IRO[¶]			
Median in months (range)	Not reached (2.0+, 22.8+)	Not reached (1.8+, 22.8)	Not reached (1.1+, 23.8+)
% ongoing at 12 months [‡]	79%	75%	79%

* Based on second interim analysis

† Hazard ratio (KEYTRUDA compared to ipilimumab) based on the stratified Cox proportional hazard model

‡ Based on stratified Log rank test

§ Based on first interim analysis

¶ IRO = Independent radiology plus oncologist review using RECIST 1.1

Based on patients with a best overall response as confirmed complete or partial response from the final analysis

‡ Based on Kaplan-Meier estimates

NA = not available

The final analysis was performed after all patients had at least 21 months of follow-up. The final OS analysis was performed after 383 patient events (119 for KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks, 122 for KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks and 142 for ipilimumab). The OS HRs vs. ipilimumab were 0.68 (95% CI: 0.53, 0.86; p<0.001) for patients treated with KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks and 0.68 (95% CI: 0.53, 0.87; p<0.001) for patients treated with KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks. The OS rate at 18 months and 24 months were 62% and 55% respectively for KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks, 60% and 55% respectively for KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks, and 47% and 43% respectively for ipilimumab. At the final analysis, a long-term PFS analysis was performed based on 566 patient events (183 for KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks, 181 for KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks and 202 for ipilimumab). The PFS HRs vs. ipilimumab were 0.61 (95% CI: 0.50, 0.75) for patients treated with KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks and 0.61 (95% CI: 0.50, 0.75) for patients treated with KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks. (See Figures 1 and 2). The percentage of responders with an ongoing response at 18 months was 68% for KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks, 71% for KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks and 70% for ipilimumab.

Figure 1: Kaplan-Meier curve for overall survival by treatment arm in KEYNOTE-006 (intent to treat population)

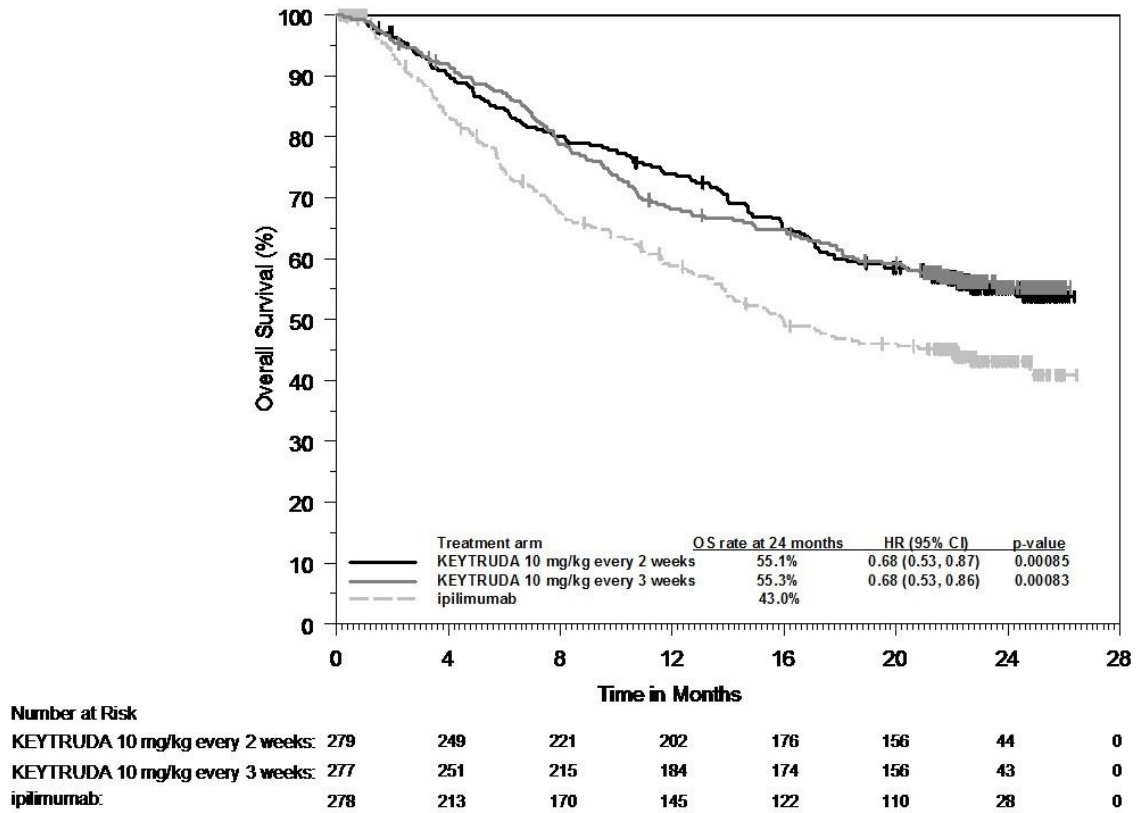
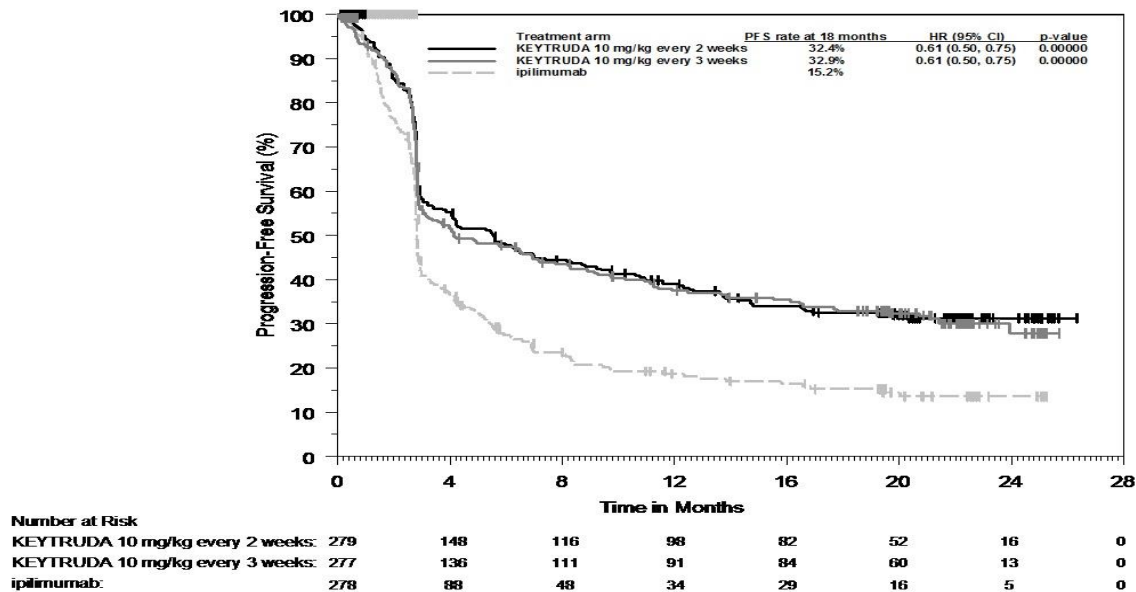


Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier curve for progression-free survival (based on IRO) by treatment arm in KEYNOTE-006 (intent to treat population)



Sub-population analysis by BRAF mutation status

A subgroup analysis was performed as part of the final analysis of KEYNOTE-006 in patients who were BRAF wild type, BRAF mutant without prior BRAF treatment and BRAF mutant with prior BRAF treatment. The PFS hazard ratios (HRs) (pooled KEYTRUDA [10 mg/kg every 2 or 3 weeks] vs. ipilimumab) were 0.61 (95% CI: 0.49, 0.76) for BRAF wild type, 0.52 (95% CI: 0.35, 0.78) for BRAF mutant without prior BRAF treatment, and 0.76 (95% CI: 0.51, 1.14) for BRAF mutant with prior BRAF treatment. The OS HRs for pooled KEYTRUDA vs. ipilimumab were 0.68 (95% CI: 0.52, 0.88) for BRAF wild type, 0.70 (95% CI: 0.40, 1.22) for BRAF mutant without prior BRAF treatment, and 0.66 (95% CI: 0.41, 1.04) for BRAF mutant with prior BRAF treatment. ORR for pooled KEYTRUDA vs. ipilimumab was 38% vs. 14% for BRAF wild type, 41% vs. 15% for BRAF mutant without prior BRAF treatment, and 24% vs. 10% for BRAF mutant with prior BRAF treatment.

Sub-population analysis by PD-L1 status

A subgroup analysis was performed as part of the final analysis of KEYNOTE-006 in patients who were PD-L1 positive vs. PD-L1 negative. The PFS HRs (pooled KEYTRUDA [10 mg/kg every 2 or 3 weeks] vs. ipilimumab) were 0.53 (95% CI: 0.44, 0.65) for PD-L1 positive patients and 0.87 (95% CI: 0.58, 1.30) for PD-L1 negative patients. The OS HRs for pooled KEYTRUDA vs. ipilimumab were 0.63 (95% CI: 0.50, 0.80) for PD-L1 positive patients and 0.76 (95% CI: 0.48, 1.19) for PD-L1 negative patients.

KEYNOTE-002: Controlled trial in melanoma patients previously treated with ipilimumab

The safety and efficacy of KEYTRUDA were investigated in KEYNOTE-002, a multicenter, controlled study for the treatment of unresectable or metastatic melanoma in patients previously treated with ipilimumab and if BRAF V600 mutation-positive, a BRAF or MEK inhibitor. Patients were randomised (1:1:1) to receive KEYTRUDA at a dose of 2 (n=180) or 10 mg/kg (n=181) every 3 weeks or chemotherapy (n=179; including dacarbazine, temozolomide, carboplatin, paclitaxel, or carboplatin+paclitaxel). The study excluded patients with autoimmune disease or those receiving immunosuppression; a history of severe or life-threatening immune-mediated adverse reactions from treatment with ipilimumab, defined as any Grade 4 toxicity or Grade 3 toxicity requiring corticosteroid treatment (greater than 10 mg/day prednisone or equivalent dose) for greater than 12 weeks; previous severe hypersensitivity to other monoclonal antibodies; a history of pneumonitis or interstitial lung disease; HIV, Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C infection.

Patients were treated with KEYTRUDA until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Clinically stable patients with initial evidence of disease progression were permitted to remain on treatment until disease progression was confirmed. Assessment of tumour status was performed at 12 weeks, then every 6 weeks through Week 48, followed by every 12 weeks thereafter. Patients on chemotherapy who experienced independently-verified progression of disease after the first scheduled disease assessment were able to crossover and receive 2 mg/kg or 10 mg/kg of KEYTRUDA every 3 weeks in a double-blind fashion.

Of the 540 patients in KEYNOTE-002, 61% were male, 43% were ≥65 years (median age was 62 years [range 15-89]) and 98% were white. Eighty-two percent of patients had M1c stage, 73% had at least two and 32% had three or more prior systemic therapies for advanced melanoma. Forty-five percent had an ECOG PS of 1, 40% had elevated LDH and 23% had a BRAF mutated tumour. Baseline characteristics were well-balanced across treatment arms.

The primary efficacy outcome measures were PFS (as assessed by IRO review using RECIST 1.1) and overall survival (OS). Secondary efficacy outcome measures were PFS as assessed by Investigator using RECIST 1.1, ORR and response duration. Table 13 summarizes key efficacy measures in patients previously treated with ipilimumab, and the

Kaplan-Meier curve for PFS is shown in Figure 3. There was no statistically significant difference between KEYTRUDA and chemotherapy in the final OS analysis that was not adjusted for the potentially confounding effects of crossover. Of the patients randomised to the chemotherapy arm, 55% crossed over and subsequently received treatment with KEYTRUDA.

Table 13: Response to KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg or 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks in patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma in KEYNOTE-002

Endpoint	KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks n=180	KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks n=181	Chemotherapy n=179
OS*			
Number (%) of patients with event	123 (68%)	117 (65%)	128 (72%)
Hazard ratio [†] (95% CI)	0.86 (0.67, 1.10)	0.74 (0.57, 0.96)	---
p-Value [‡]	0.117	0.011 ^è	---
Median in months (95% CI)	13.4 (11.0, 16.4)	14.7 (11.3, 19.5)	11.0 (8.9, 13.8)
PFS[§] by IRO[¶]			
Number (%) of patients with event	129 (72%)	126 (70%)	155 (87%)
Hazard ratio [†] (95% CI)	0.57 (0.45, 0.73)	0.50 (0.39, 0.64)	---
p-Value [‡]	<0.0001	<0.0001	---
Median in months (95% CI)	2.9 (2.8, 3.8)	2.9 (2.8, 4.7)	2.7 (2.5, 2.8)
Mean in months (95% CI) [#]	5.4 (4.7, 6.0)	5.8 (5.1, 6.4)	3.6 (3.2, 4.1)
PFS[§] by INV[Ⓜ]			
Number (%) of patients with event	122 (68%)	112 (62%)	157 (88%)
Hazard ratio [†] (95% CI)	0.49 (0.38, 0.62)	0.41 (0.32, 0.52)	---
p-Value [‡]	<0.0001	<0.0001	---
Median in months (95% CI)	3.7 (2.9, 5.4)	5.4 (3.8, 6.8)	2.6 (2.4, 2.8)
Mean in months (95% CI) [#]	5.8 (5.2, 6.4)	6.5 (5.8, 7.1)	3.7 (3.2, 4.1)
Best overall response[§] by IRO[¶]			
ORR % (95% CI)	21% (15, 28)	25% (19, 32)	4% (2, 9)
Complete response %	2%	3%	0%
Partial response %	19%	23%	4%
Response duration^ß by IRO[¶]			
Median in months (range)	22.8 (1.4+, 25.3+)	Not reached (1.1+, 28.3+)	6.8 (2.8, 11.3)
% ongoing at 12 months ^à	73%	79%	Not reached ^ð

* Based on final analysis

† Hazard ratio (KEYTRUDA compared to chemotherapy) based on the stratified Cox proportional hazard model

‡ Based on stratified Log rank test

§ Based on second interim analysis¶ IRO = Independent radiology plus oncologist review using RECIST 1.1

Restricted mean progression free survival time based on follow up of 12 months

Ⓜ INV = Investigator assessment using RECIST 1.1

ß Based on patients with a best overall response as confirmed complete or partial response from the final analysis

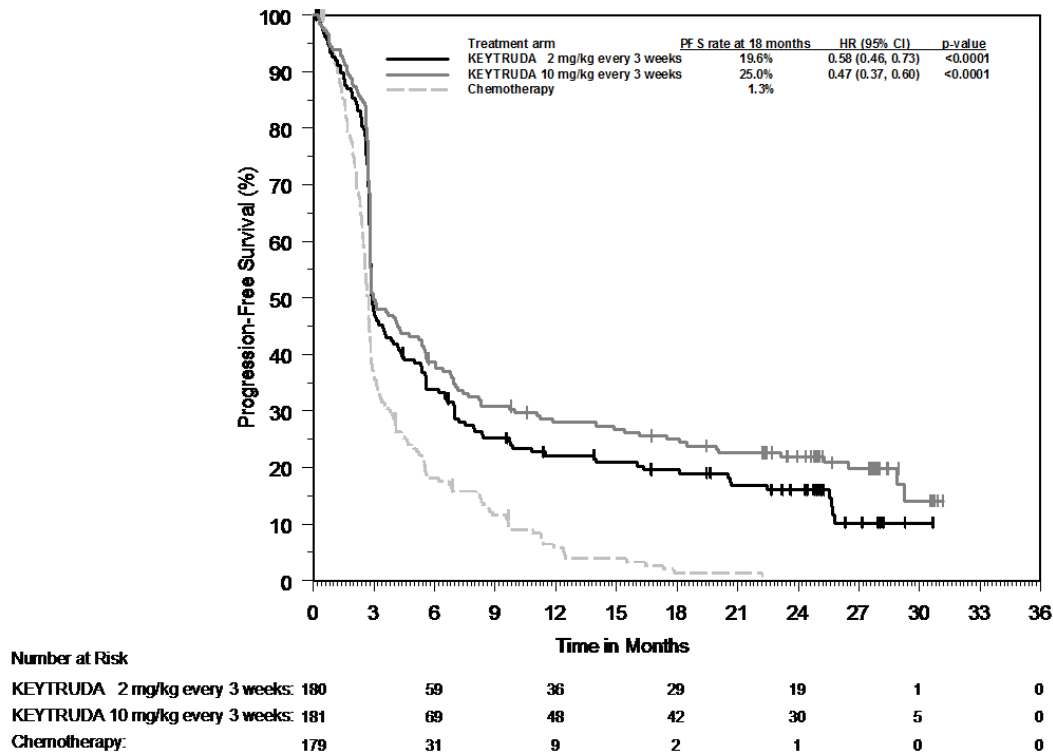
à Based on Kaplan-Meier estimates

è Not statistically significant after adjustment for multiplicity

ð The maximum follow-up for ongoing patients in the chemotherapy arm is 11.3 months; patients continue to be followed

At the final analysis, a long-term PFS analysis was performed based on 466 PFS events (150 for KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks; 144 for KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks and 172 for chemotherapy). The PFS HRs vs. chemotherapy were 0.58 (95% CI: 0.46, 0.73) for patients treated with KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks and 0.47 (95% CI: 0.37, 0.60) for patients treated with KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks (Figure 3).

Figure 3: Kaplan-Meier curve for progression free survival (based on IRO) by treatment arm in KEYNOTE-002 (intent to treat population)



KEYNOTE-001: Open label study in melanoma patients

The safety and efficacy of KEYTRUDA were also investigated in an uncontrolled, open-label study for the treatment of unresectable or metastatic melanoma. Efficacy was evaluated for 276 patients from two defined cohorts of KEYNOTE-001, one which included patients previously treated with ipilimumab (and if BRAF V600 mutation-positive, a BRAF or MEK inhibitor) and another with included patients naïve to treatment with ipilimumab. Patients were randomised to receive KEYTRUDA at a dose of 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks or 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks. The study excluded patients with autoimmune disease; medical conditions that required immunosuppression; a history of severe immune-mediated adverse reactions with ipilimumab, defined as any Grade 4 toxicity requiring treatment with corticosteroids or Grade 3 toxicity requiring corticosteroid treatment (greater than 10 mg/day prednisone or equivalent dose) for greater than 12 weeks; medical conditions that required systemic corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive medication; a history of pneumonitis or interstitial lung disease; or any active infection requiring therapy, including HIV, HBV or HCV. Patients were treated with KEYTRUDA until disease progression that was symptomatic, was rapidly progressive, required urgent intervention, or occurred with a decline in performance status, at the discretion of the investigator, based on clinical judgment. Patients were also discontinued if disease progression was confirmed at 4 to 6 weeks with repeat imaging or unacceptable toxicity.

Of the 89 patients receiving 2 mg/kg of KEYTRUDA who were previously treated with ipilimumab, 53% were male, 33% were ≥65 years of age and the median age was 59 years (range 18-88). All but two patients were white. Eighty-four percent of patients had M1c stage and 8% of patients had a history of brain metastases. Seventy-eight percent of patients had at least two and 35% of patients had three or more prior systemic therapies for advanced

melanoma. BRAF mutations were reported in 13% of the study population.

Of the 51 patients receiving 2 mg/kg of KEYTRUDA who were naïve to treatment with ipilimumab, 63% were male, 35% were ≥65 years of age and the median age was 60 years (range 35-80). All but one patient was white. Sixty-three percent of patients had M1c stage and 2% had a history of brain metastases. Forty-five percent had no prior therapies for advanced melanoma. BRAF mutations were reported in 39% of the study population.

The primary efficacy outcome measure was ORR as assessed by independent review using confirmed responses and RECIST 1.1. Secondary efficacy outcome measures were disease control rate (DCR; including complete response, partial response and stable disease), response duration, PFS, and OS. Tumour response was assessed at 12-week intervals. Table 14 summarises key efficacy measures in patients previously treated or naïve to treatment with ipilimumab, receiving KEYTRUDA based on a minimum follow-up time of 30 months for all patients.

Table 14: Response to KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every 3 Weeks in Patients with Unresectable or Metastatic Melanoma in KEYNOTE-001

Endpoint	KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks in patients previously treated with ipilimumab n=89	KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks in patients naïve to treatment with ipilimumab n=51
Best Overall Response* by IRO†		
ORR %, (95% CI)	26% (17, 36)	35% (22, 50)
Disease Control Rate %‡	48%	49%
Complete response	7%	12%
Partial response	19%	24%
Stable disease	20%	14%
Response Duration§		
Median in months (range)	30.5 (2.8+, 30.6+)	27.4 (1.6+, 31.8+)
% ongoing at 24 months¶	75%	71%
PFS		
Median in months (95% CI)	4.9 (2.8, 8.3)	4.7 (2.8, 13.8)
PFS rate at 12 months	34%	38%
OS		
Median in months (95% CI)	18.9 (11, not available)	28.0 (14, not available)
OS rate at 24 months	44%	56%

* Includes patients without measurable disease at baseline by independent radiology

† IRO = Independent radiology plus oncologist review using RECIST 1.1

‡ Based on best response of stable disease or better

§ Based on patients with a confirmed response by independent review, starting from the date the response was first recorded; n=23 for patients previously treated with ipilimumab; n=18 for patients naïve to treatment with ipilimumab

¶ Based on Kaplan-Meier estimation

Results for patients previously treated with ipilimumab (n=84) and naïve to treatment with ipilimumab (n=52) who received 10 mg/kg of KEYTRUDA every 3 weeks were similar to those seen in patients who received 2 mg/kg of KEYTRUDA every 3 weeks.

Non-Small Cell Lung Carcinoma

KEYNOTE-024: Controlled trial of NSCLC patients naïve to treatment

The efficacy of KEYTRUDA was investigated in KEYNOTE-024, a multicenter, randomised, controlled trial. Key eligibility criteria were metastatic NSCLC, PD-L1 expression tumour

proportion score (TPS) of 50% or greater by an immunohistochemistry assay using the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx Kit, and no prior systemic treatment for metastatic NSCLC. Patients with EGFR or ALK genomic tumour aberrations; autoimmune disease that required systemic therapy within 2 years of treatment; a medical condition that required immunosuppression; who had received more than 30 Gy of thoracic radiation within the prior 26 weeks; with an ECOG performance status > 1; with significant organ dysfunction; or with untreated brain metastases were ineligible. Patients with treated brain metastases were eligible if neurologically returned to baseline prior to enrolment and off corticosteroids. Patients were randomised (1:1) to receive KEYTRUDA 200 mg every 3 weeks (n=154) or investigator's choice platinum-containing chemotherapy (n=151; including pemetrexed+carboplatin, pemetrexed+cisplatin, gemcitabine+cisplatin, gemcitabine+carboplatin, or paclitaxel+carboplatin. Non-squamous patients could receive pemetrexed maintenance). Patients were treated with KEYTRUDA until unacceptable toxicity or disease progression, up to a maximum of 35 treatments (24 months). Treatment could continue beyond disease progression if the patient was clinically stable and was considered to be deriving clinical benefit by the investigator. Assessment of tumour status was performed every 9 weeks. Patients on chemotherapy who experienced independently-verified progression of disease were able to crossover and receive KEYTRUDA.

Among the 305 patients in KEYNOTE-024, baseline characteristics were: median age 65 years (54% age 65 or older); 61% male; 82% White and 15% Asian; and 35% and 65% with an ECOG performance status 0 and 1, respectively. Subjects with ECOG performance status > 1 and subjects with significant organ dysfunction were ineligible. Disease characteristics were squamous (18%) and non-squamous (82%); M1 (99%); and brain metastases (9%).

The primary efficacy outcome measure was PFS as assessed by blinded independent central review (BICR) using RECIST 1.1. Secondary efficacy outcome measures were OS and ORR (as assessed by BICR using RECIST 1.1). Table 15 summarizes key efficacy measures for the entire ITT population.

Table 15: Efficacy Results in KEYNOTE-024

Endpoint	KEYTRUDA 200 mg every 3 weeks n=154	Chemotherapy n=151
PFS*		
Number (%) of patients with event	73 (47%)	116 (77%)
Hazard ratio [†] (95% CI)	0.50 (0.37, 0.68)	---
p-Value [‡]	<0.001	---
Median in months (95% CI)	10.3 (6.7, NA)	6.0 (4.2, 6.2)
OS		
Number (%) of patients with event	44 (29%)	64 (42%)
Hazard ratio [†] (95% CI)	0.60 (0.41, 0.89)	
p-Value [‡]	0.005	
Median in months (95% CI)	Not reached (NA, NA)	Not reached (9.4, NA)
Objective response rate*		
ORR % (95% CI)	45% (37, 53)	28% (21, 36)
Complete response %	4%	1%
Partial response %	41%	27%
Response Duration[§]		
Median in months (range)	Not reached (1.9+, 14.5+)	6.3 (2.1+, 12.6+)
% with duration ≥ 6 months	88% [¶]	59% [#]

* Assessed by BICR using RECIST 1.1

† Hazard ratio (KEYTRUDA compared to chemotherapy) based on the stratified Cox proportional hazard model
 ‡ Based on stratified Log rank test
 § Based on patients with a best overall response as confirmed complete or partial response
 ¶ Based on Kaplan-Meier estimates; includes 43 patients with responses of 6 months or longer
 # Based on Kaplan-Meier estimates; includes 16 patients with responses of 6 months or longer
 NA = not available

The final OS analysis was performed at a median follow-up of 25 months after 169 patient events (73 for KEYTRUDA and 96 for chemotherapy). Median OS was 30.0 months (95% CI: 18.3, NA) for KEYTRUDA and 14.2 months (95% CI: 9.8, 19.0) for chemotherapy. The OS HR was 0.63 (95% CI: 0.47, 0.86; p=0.002). See Figure 5.

Figure 4: Kaplan-Meier Progression-Free Survival by Treatment Arm in KEYNOTE-024 (Intent to Treat Population)

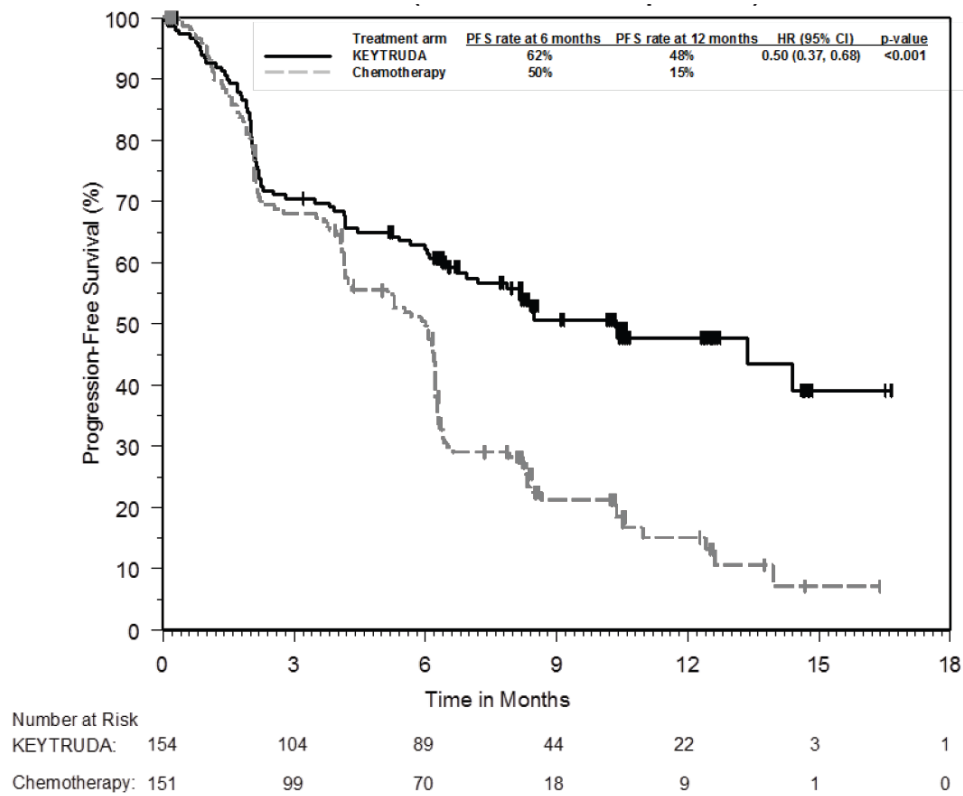
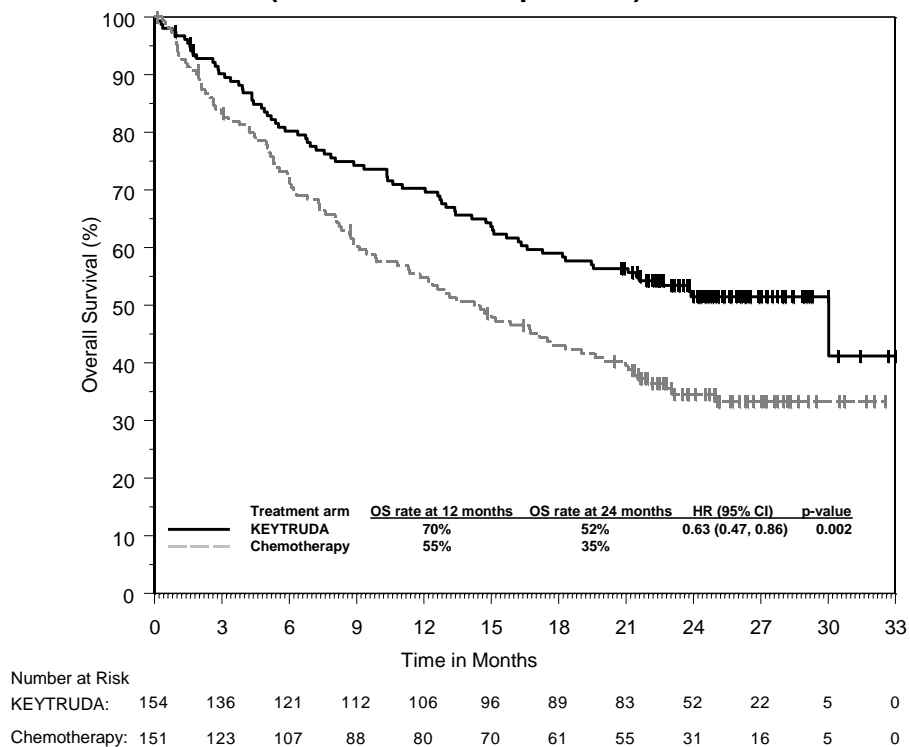


Figure 5: Kaplan-Meier Curve for Overall Survival by Treatment Arm in KEYNOTE-024 (Intent to Treat Population)



The improved benefit as assessed by PFS, OS, ORR, and response duration for KEYTRUDA as compared to chemotherapy in the population studied was associated with improvements in health-related quality of life (HRQoL). The change from baseline to Week 15 showed a meaningful improvement in the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer Quality of Life Questionnaire (EORTC QLQ) C30 global health status/QoL score for patients receiving KEYTRUDA compared to chemotherapy (difference in LS means = 7.82; 95% CI: 2.85, 12.79; two-sided p=0.002). The time to deterioration in the EORTC QLQ-LC13 composite endpoint of cough, dyspnea, and chest pain was prolonged for patients receiving KEYTRUDA compared to chemotherapy (HR = 0.66; 95% CI: 0.44, 0.97; two-sided p=0.029), where deterioration is defined as a confirmed 10-point or greater score decrease from baseline in any one of these three symptoms.

KEYNOTE-021: Controlled trial of combination therapy in NSCLC patients naïve to treatment

The efficacy of KEYTRUDA in combination with pemetrexed and carboplatin was investigated in a multicenter, randomized, controlled cohort of KEYNOTE-021. Key eligibility criteria were metastatic non-squamous NSCLC and no prior systemic treatment for metastatic NSCLC. Patients with autoimmune disease that required systemic therapy within 2 years of treatment; a medical condition that required immunosuppression; or who had received more than 30 Gy of thoracic radiation within the prior 26 weeks were ineligible. Patients were randomized (1:1) to receive one of the following regimens:

- KEYTRUDA 200 mg with pemetrexed 500 mg/m² and carboplatin AUC 5 mg/mL/min intravenously every 3 weeks for 4 cycles followed by KEYTRUDA 200 mg intravenously every 3 weeks and optional pemetrexed 500 mg/m² every 3 weeks;
- Pemetrexed 500 mg/m² and carboplatin AUC 5 mg/mL/min intravenously every 3 weeks for 4 cycles followed by optional pemetrexed 500 mg/m² every 3 weeks.

Patients were treated with KEYTRUDA until unacceptable toxicity or disease progression. Treatment could continue beyond disease progression if the patient was clinically stable and was considered to be deriving clinical benefit by the investigator. Patients without disease progression could be treated for up to 24 months. Treatment with KEYTRUDA could be reinitiated for subsequent disease progression and administered for up to 1 additional year. Assessment of tumour status was performed every 6 weeks through Week 18, followed by every 9 weeks thereafter. Patients on chemotherapy alone who experienced independently-verified progression of disease were offered KEYTRUDA as monotherapy.

Among the 123 patients in KEYNOTE-021 (60 patients in the KEYTRUDA combination arm and 63 in the chemotherapy alone arm), baseline characteristics were: median age of 64 years (48% age 65 or older); 39% male; 87% White and 8% Asian; 56% ECOG performance status of 1; 36% with PD-L1 TPS <1%; 3% with advanced localized disease, 97% with metastatic disease; and 12% with history of brain metastases. No patients had sensitizing EGFR or ALK genomic aberrations.

The major efficacy outcome measures were ORR and PFS as assessed by BICR using RECIST 1.1. OS was an additional efficacy outcome measure. Table 16 summarizes key efficacy measures.

Table 16: Response to KEYTRUDA combination therapy in patients with non-squamous NSCLC in KEYNOTE-021

Endpoint	KEYTRUDA + Pemetrexed + Carboplatin n=60	Pemetrexed + Carboplatin n=63
Objective Response Rate		
ORR* % (95% CI)	55% (42, 68)	29% (18, 41)
p-Value (Miettinen-Nurminen)	0.0016	
Median duration in months (range)	Not reached (1.4+, 13.0+)	Not reached (1.4+, 15.2+)
% with duration ≥6 months [†]	93%	81%
PFS		
Number (%) of patients with event	23 (38%)	33 (52%)
Hazard ratio [‡] (95% CI)	0.53 (0.31, 0.91)	
p-Value (stratified log rank)	0.010	
Median in months (95% CI)	13.0 (8.3, NA)	8.9 (4.4, 10.3)
OS		
Number (%) of patients with event	13 (22%)	14 (22%)
Hazard ratio [‡] (95% CI)	0.90 (0.42, 1.91)	
Median in months (95% CI)	Not reached (NA, NA)	Not reached (NA, NA)
Rate at 12 months	75%	72%

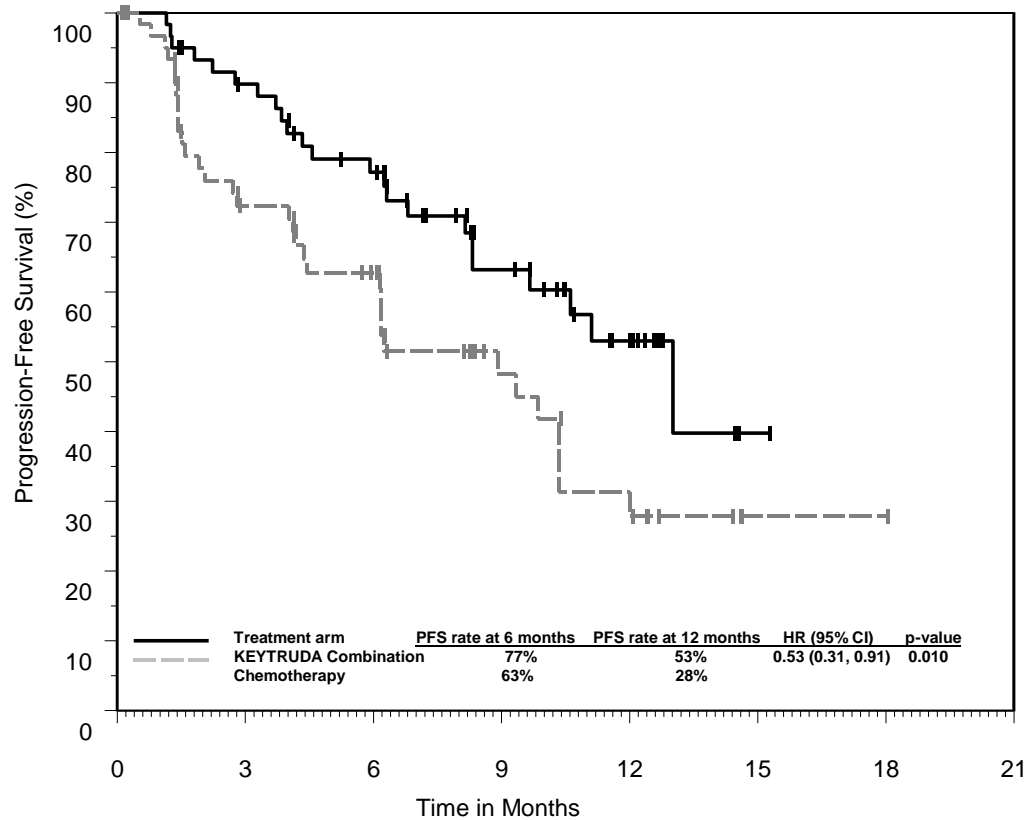
* All responses were partial responses

[†] Based on Kaplan-Meier estimation

[‡] Based on the stratified Cox proportional hazard model

NA = not available

Figure 6: Kaplan-Meier curve for progression-free survival by treatment arm in KEYNOTE-021 (intent to treat population)



Number at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21
KEYTRUDA Combination:	60	51	41	24	10	1	0	0
Chemotherapy:	63	39	30	15	7	1	0	0

KEYNOTE-010: Controlled trial of NSCLC patients previously treated with chemotherapy

The efficacy of KEYTRUDA was investigated in KEYNOTE-010, a multicenter, randomised, controlled trial. Key eligibility criteria were advanced NSCLC that had progressed following platinum-containing chemotherapy, and if appropriate, targeted therapy for ALK or EGFR mutations, and PD-L1 expression TPS of 1% or greater by a clinical trial assay version of the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx™ kit. Patients with autoimmune disease; a medical condition that required immunosuppression; who had received more than 30 Gy of thoracic radiation within the prior 26 weeks; or with untreated brain metastases were ineligible. Patients with treated brain metastases were eligible if neurologically returned to baseline prior to enrolment and off corticosteroids. Patients were randomised (1:1:1) to receive 2 mg/kg (n=344) or 10 mg/kg (n=346) of KEYTRUDA every 3 weeks or 75 mg/m² of docetaxel every 3 weeks (n=343). Patients were treated with KEYTRUDA until unacceptable toxicity or disease progression, up to a maximum of 35 treatments (24 months). Assessment of tumour status was performed every 9 weeks.

Among the 1033 patients in KEYNOTE-010, baseline characteristics were: median age 63 years (42% age 65 or older); 61% male; 72% White and 21% Asian; and 34% and 66% with an ECOG performance status 0 and 1, respectively. Disease characteristics were squamous (21%) and non-squamous (70%); M1 (91%); brain metastases (15%); and the incidence of genomic aberrations was EGFR (8%) or ALK (1%). Prior therapy included platinum-doublet regimen (100%); patients received one (69%), or two or more (29%) prior therapies.

The primary efficacy outcome measures were OS and PFS as assessed by an independent review committee using RECIST 1.1. Secondary efficacy outcome measures were ORR and response duration. Table 17 summarizes key efficacy measures for the entire ITT population (TPS $\geq 1\%$) and for the subgroup of patients with TPS $\geq 50\%$. Kaplan-Meier curves for OS (TPS $\geq 1\%$ and TPS $\geq 50\%$) are shown in Figures 7 and 8.

Table 17: Response to KEYTRUDA 2 or 10 mg/kg every 3 Weeks in Previously Treated Patients with NSCLC in KEYNOTE-010

Endpoint	KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks	KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks	Docetaxel 75 mg/m ² every 3 weeks
TPS $\geq 1\%$			
Number of patients	344	346	343
OS			
Number (%) of patients with event	172 (50%)	156 (45%)	193 (56%)
Hazard ratio* (95% CI)	0.71 (0.58, 0.88)	0.61 (0.49, 0.75)	---
p-Value [†]	<0.001	<0.001	---
Median in months (95% CI)	10.4 (9.4, 11.9)	12.7 (10.0, 17.3)	8.5 (7.5, 9.8)
PFS[‡]			
Number (%) of patients with event	266 (77%)	255 (74%)	257 (75%)
Hazard ratio* (95% CI)	0.88 (0.73, 1.04)	0.79 (0.66, 0.94)	---
p-Value [†]	0.068	0.005	---
Median in months (95% CI)	3.9 (3.1, 4.1)	4.0 (2.6, 4.3)	4.0 (3.1, 4.2)
Overall response rate[‡]			
ORR % [§] (95% CI)	18% (14, 23)	18% (15, 23)	9% (7, 13)
Response duration^{‡,¶,♯}			
Median in months (range)	Not reached (0.7+, 20.1+)	Not reached (2.1+, 17.8+)	6.2 (1.4+, 8.8+)
% ongoing	73%	72%	34%
TPS $\geq 50\%$			
Number of patients	139	151	152
OS			
Number (%) of patients with event	58 (42%)	60 (40%)	86 (57%)
Hazard ratio* (95% CI)	0.54 (0.38, 0.77)	0.50 (0.36, 0.70)	---
p-Value [†]	<0.001	<0.001	---
Median in months (95% CI)	14.9 (10.4, NA)	17.3 (11.8, NA)	8.2 (6.4, 10.7)
PFS[‡]			
Number (%) of patients with event	89 (64%)	97 (64%)	118 (78%)
Hazard ratio* (95% CI)	0.58 (0.43, 0.77)	0.59 (0.45, 0.78)	---
p-Value [†]	<0.001	<0.001	---
Median in months (95% CI)	5.2 (4.0, 6.5)	5.2 (4.1, 8.1)	4.1 (3.6, 4.3)
Overall response rate[‡]			
ORR % [§] (95% CI)	30% (23, 39)	29% (22, 37)	8% (4, 13)
Response duration^{‡,¶,♯}			
Median in months (range)	Not reached (0.7+, 16.8+)	Not reached (2.1+, 17.8+)	8.1 (2.1+, 8.8+)
% ongoing	76%	75%	33%

* Hazard ratio (KEYTRUDA compared to docetaxel) based on the stratified Cox proportional hazard model

[†] Based on stratified Log rank test

[‡] Assessed by BICR using RECIST 1.1

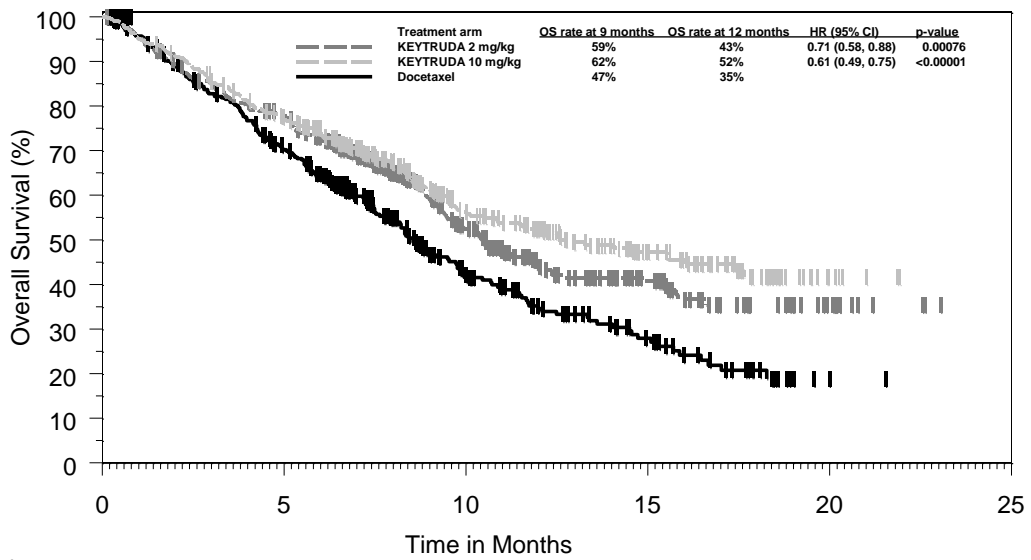
[§] All responses were partial responses

[¶] Based on patients with a best overall response as confirmed complete or partial response

[♯] Includes 30, 31, and 2 patients with ongoing responses of 6 months or longer in the KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg, KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg, and docetaxel groups respectively

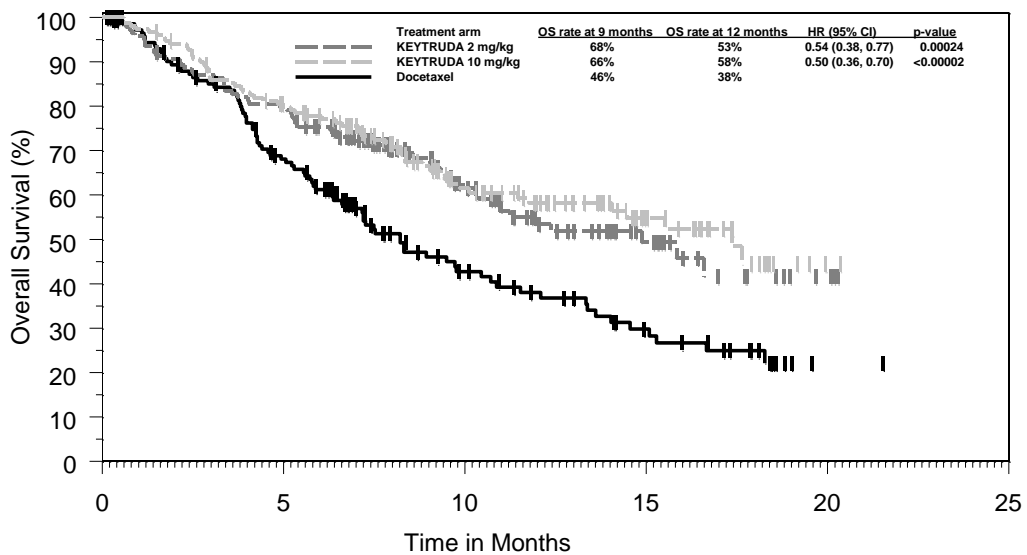
[♯] Includes 22, 24, and 1 patients with ongoing responses of 6 months or longer in the KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg, KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg, and docetaxel groups respectively

Figure 7: Kaplan-Meier Curve for Overall Survival by Treatment Arm in KEYNOTE-010 (TPS ≥ 1%, Intent to Treat Population)



Number at Risk					
KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg:	344	259	115	49	12
KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg:	346	255	124	56	6
Docetaxel:	343	212	79	33	1

Figure 8: Kaplan-Meier Curve for Overall Survival by Treatment Arm in KEYNOTE-010 (TPS ≥ 50%, Intent to Treat Population)



Number at Risk					
KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg:	139	110	51	20	3
KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg:	151	115	60	25	1
Docetaxel:	152	90	38	19	1

Efficacy results were similar for the 2 mg/kg and 10 mg/kg KEYTRUDA arms. Efficacy results for OS were consistent regardless of the age of tumour specimen (new versus archival).

Sub-population analysis of patients with $1\% \leq \text{TPS} \leq 49\%$ in KEYNOTE-010

A subgroup analysis of KEYNOTE 010 in patients with TPS 1-49% was performed. The OS HRs for KEYTRUDA vs. docetaxel were 0.79 (95% CI: 0.61, 1.04) for patients treated with 2 mg/kg every three weeks and 0.71 (95% CI: 0.53, 0.94) for patients treated with 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks. The median OS was 9.4 months (95% CI: 8.7, 10.5), 10.8 months (95% CI: 8.9, 13.3) and 8.6 months (95% CI: 7.8, 9.9) for patients treated with KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every three weeks (n=205), 10 mg/kg every three weeks (n=195) and docetaxel (n=191) respectively. The PFS HRs (KEYTRUDA vs. docetaxel) were 1.07 (95% CI: 0.85, 1.34) for patients treated with 2 mg/kg every three weeks and 0.99 (95% CI: 0.78, 1.25) for patients treated with 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks. The median PFS was 3.1 months (95% CI: 2.1, 3.8), 2.3 months (95% CI: 2.1, 4.0) and 3.9 months (95% CI: 2.5, 4.3) for KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every three weeks, 10 mg/kg every three weeks and docetaxel respectively. The ORR was 10% (95% CI: 6, 15), 10% (95% CI: 6, 15) and 10% (95% CI: 7, 16) for KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every three weeks, 10 mg/kg every three weeks and docetaxel respectively. Furthermore, the median duration of response was 10.6 months (range: 2.1+, 20.1+), 10.4 months (range: 3.0+, 17.1+) and 6.0 months (range: 1.4+, 7.2) for KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every three weeks, 10 mg/kg every three weeks and docetaxel respectively.

Head and Neck Cancer

KEYTRUDA is approved based on overall response rate and duration of response from two single-arm, open label studies. The results of a randomised, active-controlled, ongoing, phase 3 study are awaited.

KEYNOTE-012: Open-label study in HNSCC patients previously treated with chemotherapy

The efficacy of KEYTRUDA was investigated in 192 patients with recurrent and/or metastatic HNSCC, regardless of tumour human papilloma virus (HPV) status (33% positive), enrolled in a multicentre, nonrandomised, open-label multi-cohort study (KEYNOTE-012). One cohort (n=132) was included regardless of PD-L1 tumour status. Efficacy is reported for 174 patients with recurrent and/or metastatic HNSCC that progressed on or after treatment with platinum-containing chemotherapy. Patients with active autoimmune disease or a medical condition that required immunosuppression were ineligible.

Patients received KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks (n=53), or 200 mg every 3 weeks (n=121) until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Assessment of tumour status was performed every 8 weeks. The major efficacy outcome measures were ORR according to RECIST 1.1, as assessed by blinded independent central review, and duration of response.

Among the 174 patients, the baseline characteristics were median age 60 years (32% age 65 or older); 82% male; 75% White, 16% Asian, and 6% Black; 87% had M1 disease; 33% had HPV positive tumours; 63% had prior cetuximab; 29% had an ECOG PS of 0 and 71% had an ECOG PS of 1; and the median number of prior lines of therapy administered for the treatment of HNSCC was 2.

Efficacy results are summarized in Table 18.

Table 18 Efficacy Results in Patients with HNSCC

	Previously treated with platinum
Endpoint	n=174
Objective Response Rate*	
ORR %, (95% CI)	16.1% (11, 22.4)
Complete Response	4.6%
Partial Response	11.5%
Response Duration	
Median in months (range)	Not Reached (2.4+, 27.7+)†
% with duration ≥ 6-months	85%‡
Time to Response	
Median in months (range)	2.9 (1.6, 16.7)†
PFS*	
Median in months (95% CI)	2 (1.9, 2.1)
6-month PFS rate	24.3%
OS*	
Median in months (95% CI)	8.5 (6.2, 10.2)
6-month OS rate	58.7%
12-month OS rate	38.3%

* Assessed by blinded independent central review using RECIST 1.1

† Based on patients (n=28) with a confirmed response by independent review

‡ Based on Kaplan-Meier estimates; includes 23 patients with responses of 6 months or longer including 14 patients with response of 12 months or longer.

There were objective responses in patients regardless of HPV tumour status.

Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma

KEYNOTE-013 and KEYNOTE-087: Open-label studies in patients with refractory classical Hodgkin Lymphoma, or those who have relapsed after 3 or more prior lines of therapy

The efficacy of KEYTRUDA was investigated in 241 patients with refractory classical Hodgkin Lymphoma, or who have relapsed after 3 or more prior lines of therapy, enrolled in two multicenter, nonrandomized, open-label studies (KEYNOTE-013 and KEYNOTE-087). Both studies included patients regardless of PD-L1 expression. Patients with active, non-infectious pneumonitis, an allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant within the past 5 years (or greater than 5 years but with GVHD), active autoimmune disease or a medical condition that required immunosuppression were ineligible for either trial. Patients received KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks (n=31) or 200 mg every 3 weeks (n=210) until unacceptable toxicity or documented disease progression. Response was assessed using the revised lymphoma criteria by PET CT scans, with the first planned post-baseline assessment at week 12. The major efficacy outcome measures (ORR, CRR, and duration of response) were assessed by blinded independent central review according to the 2007 revised International Working Group (IWG) criteria. Secondary efficacy outcome measures were PFS and OS.

Among KEYNOTE-013 patients, the baseline characteristics were median age 32 years (6% age 65 or older), 58% male, 94% White; and 45% and 55% had an ECOG performance status 0 and 1, respectively. The median number of prior lines of therapy administered for the treatment of cHL was 5 (range 2 to 15). Eighty-seven percent were refractory to at least one prior therapy, including 39% who were refractory to first line therapy. Seventy-four percent of patients had received Auto-SCT, 26% were transplant ineligible; and 42% of patients had prior radiation therapy.

Among KEYNOTE-087 patients, the baseline characteristics were median age 35 years (9% age 65 or older); 54% male; 88% White; and 49% and 51% had an ECOG performance status 0 and 1, respectively. The median number of prior lines of therapy administered for the treatment of cHL was 4 (range 1 to 12). Eighty-one percent were refractory to at least one prior therapy, including 35% who were refractory to first line therapy. Sixty-one percent of patients had received Auto-SCT, 38% were transplant ineligible; 17% had no prior brentuximab vedotin use; and 36% of patients had prior radiation therapy.

Efficacy results are summarized in Table 19.

Table 19: Efficacy Results in Patients with refractory or relapsed classical Hodgkin Lymphoma

	KEYNOTE-013 ^a	KEYNOTE-087 ^b
Endpoint	n=31	n=210
Objective Response Rate*		
ORR %, (95% CI)	58% (39.1, 75.5)	69% (62.3, 75.2)
Complete Remission	19%	22%
Partial Remission	39%	47%
Response Duration*		
Median in months (range)	Not reached (0.0+, 26.1+) [†]	11.1 (0.0+, 11.1) [‡]
% with duration ≥ 6-months	80% [§]	76% [¶]
% with duration ≥ 12-months	70% [#]	---
Time to Response		
Median in months (range)	2.8 (2.4, 8.6) [†]	2.8 (2.1, 8.8) [‡]
PFS*		
Median in months (95% CI)	11.4 (4.9, 27.8)	11.3 (10.8, Not reached)
6-month PFS rate	66%	72%
9-month PFS rate	---	62%
12-month PFS rate	48%	---
OS		
6-month OS rate	100%	99.5%
12-month OS rate	87.1%	97.6%

^a Median follow-up time of 28.7 months

^b Median follow-up time of 10.1 months

* Assessed by blinded independent central review according to the 2007 revised International Working Group (IWG) criteria

[†] Based on patients (n=18) with a response by independent review.

[‡] Based on patients (n=145) with a response by independent review.

[§] Based on Kaplan-Meier estimation; includes 9 patients with responses of 6 months or longer.

[¶] Based on Kaplan-Meier estimation; includes 31 patients with responses of 6 months or longer.

[#] Based on Kaplan-Meier estimation; includes 7 patients with responses of 12 months or longer.

The improved benefit as assessed by ORR, CRR, and response duration in the KEYNOTE-087 population was accompanied by overall improvements in health-related quality of life (HRQoL) as assessed using the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer Quality of Life Questionnaire Core 30 (EORTC QLQ-C30) and the European Quality of Life Five Dimensions Questionnaire (EQ-5D). Relative to subjects with stable disease or progressive disease, subjects with a complete or partial response had the largest improvement and the highest proportion with a 10 point or greater increase in their EORTC QLQ-C30 global health status/QoL score, as well as, had the largest improvement in their EQ-5D utility and VAS scores from baseline to Week 12.

Clinical Studies in Advanced or Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma

KEYNOTE-052: Open label trial in urothelial carcinoma patients ineligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy

The efficacy of KEYTRUDA was investigated in KEYNOTE-052, a multicenter, open-label trial of patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma who were not eligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy. Patients with creatinine clearance ≥ 30 ml/min were eligible for treatment. Patients with autoimmune disease or a medical condition that required immunosuppression were ineligible for treatment.

Patients received KEYTRUDA 200 mg every 3 weeks until unacceptable toxicity or disease progression. Clinically stable patients with initial evidence of disease progression were permitted to remain on treatment until disease progression was confirmed. Patients without disease progression were treated for up to 24 months. Treatment with pembrolizumab could be reinitiated for subsequent disease progression and administered for up to 1 additional year. Assessment of tumour status was performed at 9 weeks after the first dose, then every 6 weeks through the first year, followed by every 12 weeks thereafter. The primary efficacy outcome measure was ORR according to RECIST 1.1 and a secondary efficacy outcome measure was duration of response. Efficacy is reported for patients who had the opportunity for at least 2 post-baseline scans representing at least 4 months of follow-up.

Among 370 patients with urothelial carcinoma who were not eligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy and who had an opportunity for at least 2 post-baseline scans representing at least 4 months of follow-up, baseline characteristics were: median age 74 years (82% age 65 or older); 77% male; and 89% White and 7% Asian. Eighty-seven percent had M1 disease, 13% had M0 disease. Eighty-five percent of patients had visceral metastases, including 21% with liver metastases. Reasons for cisplatin ineligibility included: baseline creatinine clearance of < 60 mL/min (50%), ECOG performance status of 2 (32%), ECOG performance status of 2 and baseline creatinine clearance of < 60 mL/min (9%), and other (Class III heart failure, Grade 2 or greater peripheral neuropathy, and Grade 2 or greater hearing loss; 9%). Ninety percent of patients were treatment naïve, and 10% received prior adjuvant or neoadjuvant platinum-based chemotherapy. Eighty-one percent had a primary tumour in the lower tract, and 19% of patients had a primary tumour in the upper tract.

The median follow-up time for all patients treated with KEYTRUDA was 9.5 months. Efficacy results are summarised in Table 20.

Table 20: Efficacy Results in Patients with Urothelial Carcinoma Ineligible for Cisplatin-Containing Chemotherapy

Endpoint	n=370
Objective Response Rate*	
ORR %, (95% CI)	29% (25, 34)
Disease Control Rate [†]	47%
Complete Response	7%
Partial Response	22%
Stable Disease	18%
Response Duration	
Median in months (range)	Not reached (1.4+, 19.6+)
% with duration ≥ 6 -months	82% [‡]
Time to Response	
Median in months (range)	2.1 (1.3, 9.0)
PFS*	
Median in months (95% CI)	2.3 (2.1, 3.4)
6-month PFS rate	34%
OS*	
Median in months (95% CI)	11.0 (10.0, 13.6)

6-month OS rate	67%
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* Assessed by BICR using RECIST 1.1

† Based on best response of stable disease or better

‡ Based on Kaplan-Meier estimates; includes 77 patients with response of 6 months or longer

KEYNOTE-045: Controlled trial in urothelial carcinoma patients previously treated with platinum-containing chemotherapy

The efficacy of KEYTRUDA was evaluated in KEYNOTE-045, a multicenter, randomised (1:1), active-controlled trial in patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma with disease progression on or after platinum-containing chemotherapy. Patients with creatinine clearance ≥ 30 ml/min were eligible for treatment. Patients with autoimmune disease or a medical condition that required immunosuppression were ineligible for treatment.

Patients were randomised to receive either KEYTRUDA 200 mg every 3 weeks (n=270) or investigator's choice of any of the following chemotherapy regimens all given intravenously every 3 weeks (n=272): paclitaxel 175 mg/m² (n=84), docetaxel 75 mg/m² (n=84), or vinflunine 320 mg/m² (n=87). Patients received KEYTRUDA until unacceptable toxicity or disease progression. Clinically stable patients with initial evidence of disease progression were permitted to remain on treatment until disease progression was confirmed. Patients without disease progression were treated for up to 24 months. While this trial permitted re-initiation of treatment with pembrolizumab for subsequent disease progression and administration for up to 1 additional year, due to limited data at the time of data cutoff any benefit remains unknown. Assessment of tumour status was performed at 9 weeks after randomization, then every 6 weeks through the first year, followed by every 12 weeks thereafter. The primary efficacy outcomes were OS and PFS as assessed by BICR per RECIST v1.1. Secondary efficacy outcome measures were ORR as assessed by BICR per RECIST v1.1 and duration of response.

Among the 542 randomised patients, the study population characteristics were: median age 66 years (range: 26 to 88), 58% age 65 or older; 74% male; 72% White and 23% Asian; 42% ECOG PS of 0, 56% ECOG PS of 1, <2% of patients were ECOG PS of 2 with no patients ECOG PS > 2; and 96% M1 disease and 4% M0 disease. Eighty-seven percent of patients had visceral metastases, including 34% with liver metastases. Eighty-six percent had a primary tumour in the lower tract and 14% had a primary tumour in the upper tract. Fifteen percent of patients had disease progression following prior platinum-containing neoadjuvant or adjuvant chemotherapy as the most recent line of therapy. Twenty-one percent had received 2 or more prior systemic regimens in the metastatic setting. Seventy-six percent of patients received prior cisplatin, 23% had prior carboplatin, and 1% were treated with other platinum-based regimens.

The median follow-up time for 270 patients treated with KEYTRUDA was 10.3 months. The study demonstrated statistically significant improvements in OS and ORR for patients randomized to KEYTRUDA as compared to chemotherapy where the ORR for patients on KEYTRUDA was approximately two-fold greater than those on chemotherapy alone (21% versus 11%, p=0.001) (Table 21 and Figure 9). There was no statistically significant difference between KEYTRUDA and chemotherapy with respect to PFS. Table 21 and Figure 9 summarize the primary key efficacy measures.

Table 21: Efficacy Results in Patients with Urothelial Carcinoma Previously Treated with Chemotherapy

Endpoint	KEYTRUDA 200 mg every 3 weeks n=270	Chemotherapy n=272
OS		
Number (%) of patients with event	155 (57%)	179 (66%)
Hazard ratio* (95% CI)	0.73 (0.59, 0.91)	
p-Value [†]	0.002	
Median in months (95% CI)	10.3 (8.0, 11.8)	7.4 (6.1, 8.3)
PFS[‡]		
Number (%) of patients with event	218 (81%)	219 (81%)
Hazard ratio* (95% CI)	0.98 (0.81, 1.19)	
p-Value [†]	0.416	
Median in months (95% CI)	2.1 (2.0, 2.2)	3.3 (2.3, 3.5)
Objective Response Rate[‡]		
ORR % (95% CI)	21% (16, 27)	11% (8, 16)
Complete Response	7%	3%
Partial Response	14%	8%
p-Value [§]	0.001	

* Hazard ratio (KEYTRUDA compared to chemotherapy) based on the stratified Cox proportional hazard model

[†] Based on stratified Log rank test

[‡] Assessed by BICR using RECIST 1.1

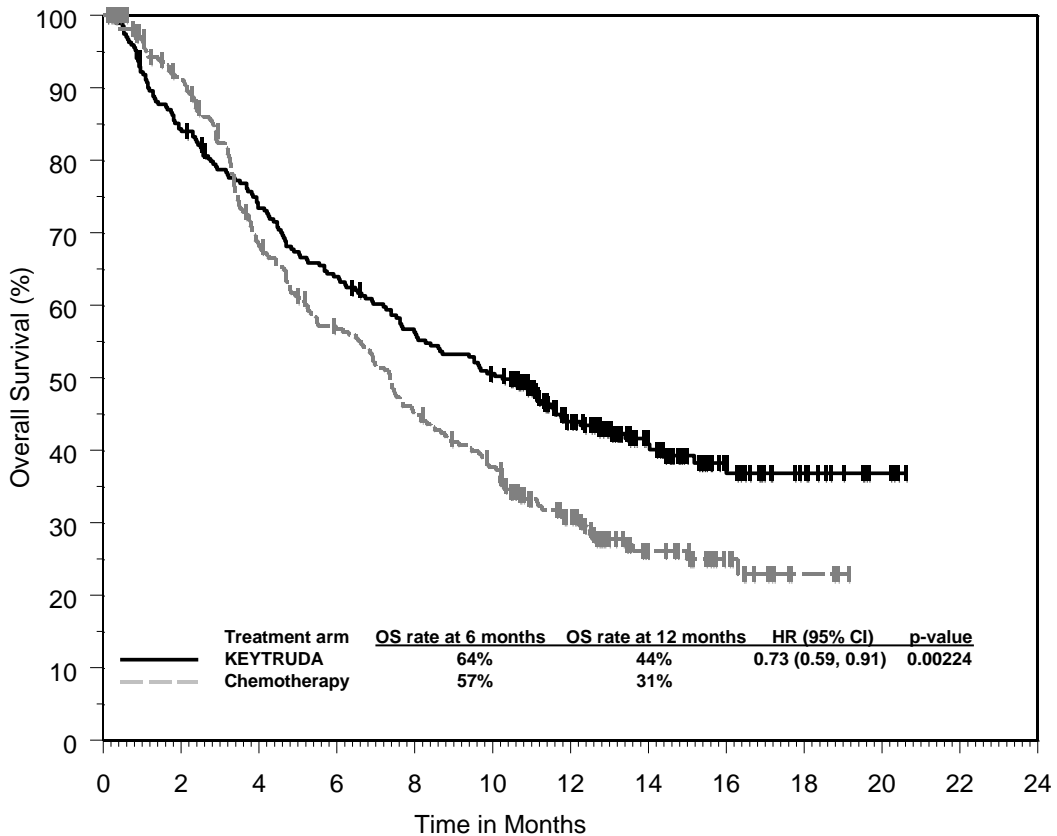
[§] Based on method by Miettinen and Nurminen

[¶] Based on patients with a best overall response as confirmed complete or partial response

[#] Based on Kaplan-Meier estimation

Median duration of response was not reached in the KEYTRUDA arm (range 1.6+ to 15.6+ months) and was 4.3 months (range: 1.4+ to 15.4+ months) in the chemotherapy arm. At the time of the analysis, responses were ongoing in 41 and 14 patients at 6 and 12 months respectively, in the KEYTRUDA arm, and 7 and 3 patients at 6 and 12 months respectively, in the chemotherapy arm.

Figure 9: Kaplan-Meier Curve for Overall Survival by Treatment Arm in KEYNOTE-045 (Intent to Treat Population)



Number at Risk	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
KEYTRUDA:	270	226	194	169	147	131	87	54	27	13	4	0	0
Chemotherapy:	272	232	171	138	109	89	55	27	14	3	0	0	0

Patient-reported outcomes (PROs) were assessed using EORTC QLQ-C30. A prolonged time to deterioration in EORTC QLQ-C30 global health status/QoL was observed for patients treated with pembrolizumab compared to investigator’s choice chemotherapy (HR 0.70; 95% CI 0.55-0.90). Over 15 weeks of follow-up, patients treated with pembrolizumab had stable global health status/QoL, while those treated with investigator’s choice chemotherapy had a decline in global health status/QoL. These results should be interpreted in the context of the open-label study design and therefore taken cautiously.

Immunogenicity

In clinical studies in patients treated with pembrolizumab at a dose of 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks, 200 mg every 3 weeks or 10 mg/kg every 2 or 3 weeks, 36 (1.8%) of 2034 evaluable patients tested positive for treatment-emergent antibodies against pembrolizumab during treatment with KEYTRUDA of which 9 (0.4%) patients had neutralizing antibodies against pembrolizumab. There was no evidence of an altered pharmacokinetic or safety profile with anti-pembrolizumab binding antibody development.

5.2 PHARMACOKINETIC PROPERTIES

The pharmacokinetics of pembrolizumab was studied in 2993 patients with various cancers who received doses in the range of 1 to 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks, 2 to 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks, or 200 mg every 3 weeks. There are no clinically meaningful differences in

pharmacokinetics of pembrolizumab across indications.

Absorption

KEYTRUDA is dosed via the IV route and therefore is immediately and completely bioavailable.

Distribution

Consistent with a limited extravascular distribution, the volume of distribution of pembrolizumab at steady state is small (6.0L; coefficient of variation [CV]: 20%). As expected for an antibody, pembrolizumab does not bind to plasma proteins in a specific manner.

Metabolism

Pembrolizumab is catabolised through non-specific pathways; metabolism does not contribute to its clearance.

Excretion

Pembrolizumab clearance (CV%) is approximately 23% lower [geometric mean, 195 mL/day (40%)] after achieving maximal change at steady state compared with the first dose (252 mL/day [CV%: 37%]); this decrease in clearance with time is not considered clinically important. The geometric mean value (CV%) for the terminal half-life ($t_{1/2}$) is 22 days (32%).

Steady-state concentrations of pembrolizumab were reached by 16 weeks of repeated dosing with an every 3 week regimen and the systemic accumulation was 2.1 fold. The peak concentration (C_{max}), trough concentration (C_{min}), and area under the plasma concentration versus time curve at steady state (AUC_{ss}) of pembrolizumab increased dose proportionally in the dose range of 2 to 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks.

Following administration of pembrolizumab 200 mg every 3 weeks in patients with cHL, the observed median C_{min} at steady-state was up to 40% higher than that in other tumour types treated with the same dosage; however, the range of trough concentrations is similar. There are no notable differences in the median C_{max} between cHL and other tumour types. Based on available safety data in cHL and other tumour types, these differences are not considered clinically meaningful.

Special populations

The effects of various covariates on the pharmacokinetics of pembrolizumab were assessed in population pharmacokinetic analyses. The following factors had no clinically important effect on the clearance of pembrolizumab: age (range 15-94 years), gender, race, mild or moderate renal impairment, mild hepatic impairment, and tumour burden. The relationship between body weight and clearance supports the use of either fixed dose or body weight-based dosing to provide adequate and similar control of exposure.

Renal Impairment

The effect of renal impairment on the clearance of pembrolizumab was evaluated by population pharmacokinetic analysis in patients with mild (GFR <90 and ≥ 60 mL/min/1.73 m²) or moderate (GFR <60 and ≥ 30 mL/min/1.73 m²) renal impairment compared to patients with normal (GFR ≥ 90 mL/min/1.73 m²) renal function. No clinically important differences in the clearance of pembrolizumab were found between patients with mild or moderate renal impairment and patients with normal renal function. KEYTRUDA has not

been studied in patients with severe (GFR <30 and ≥ 15 mL/min/1.73 m²) renal impairment [See Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION].

Hepatic Impairment

The effect of hepatic impairment on the clearance of pembrolizumab was evaluated by population pharmacokinetic analysis in patients with mild hepatic impairment (total bilirubin (TB) 1.0 to 1.5 x ULN or AST >ULN as defined using the National Cancer Institute criteria of hepatic dysfunction) compared to patients with normal hepatic function (TB and AST \leq ULN). No clinically important differences in the clearance of pembrolizumab were found between patients with mild hepatic impairment and normal hepatic function. KEYTRUDA has not been studied in patients with moderate (TB >1.5 to 3 x ULN and any AST) or severe (TB >3 x ULN and any AST) hepatic impairment [See Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION].

5.3 PRECLINICAL SAFETY DATA

Genotoxicity

The genotoxic potential of pembrolizumab has not been evaluated. As a large protein molecule, pembrolizumab is not expected to interact directly with DNA or other chromosomal material.

Carcinogenicity

The carcinogenic potential of pembrolizumab has not been evaluated in long-term animal studies.

6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

Histidine
Histidine hydrochloride monohydrate
Sucrose
Polysorbate-80
Water for Injections

6.2 INCOMPATIBILITIES

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products except those mentioned in section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION.

6.3 SHELF LIFE

In Australia, information on the shelf life can be found on the public summary of the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG). The expiry date can be found on the packaging.

6.4 SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR STORAGE

Store in a refrigerator (2°C to 8°C).
Protect from light. Do not freeze. Do not shake.

For storage conditions after reconstitution or dilution of the medicinal product, see Section 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION.

6.5 NATURE AND CONTENTS OF CONTAINER

Carton of one 50 mg powder for injection or one 100 mg/4 mL concentrated injection single-use vial.

6.6 SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL

In Australia, any unused medicine or waste material should be disposed of by taking to your local pharmacy.

6.7 PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Chemical structure

KEYTRUDA (pembrolizumab) is a selective humanised monoclonal antibody designed to block the interaction between PD-1 and its ligands, PD-L1 and PD-L2. Pembrolizumab is an IgG4 kappa immunoglobulin with an approximate molecular weight of 149 kDa. Pembrolizumab is produced in Chinese hamster ovary cells by recombinant DNA technology.

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5.1	Updated OS data for KEYNOTE-024 (NSCLC), updated PFS and OS data for KEYNOTE-054 (UC), updated patient reported outcomes for KEYNOTE-045 (UC)
5.2	Updated pharmacokinetic information – distribution and excretion