

# FDA Approves Addition Of Positive Overall Survival Data From Phase 3 ASPIRE Trial To KYPROLIS® (carfilzomib) Label

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KYPROLIS, Lenalidomide and Dexamethasone Extended Median Overall Survival in Relapsed or Refractory Multiple
Myeloma Patients to 48 Months

KYPROLIS is the First and Only Treatment to Demonstrate Overall Survival Benefits in Two Phase 3 Studies in Relapsed or Refractory Multiple Myeloma

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif., June 11, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Amgen (NASDAQ:AMGN) today announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) to add the positive overall survival (OS) data from the Phase 3 ASPIRE trial to the U.S. Prescribing Information for KYPROLIS<sup>®</sup> (carfilzomib). Data added to the label showed that KYPROLIS, lenalidomide and dexamethasone (KRd) significantly reduced the risk of death by 21 percent and extended overall survival by 7.9 months versus lenalidomide and dexamethasone alone (Rd) in patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma (median OS 48.3 months for KRd versus 40.4 months for Rd, HR=0.79, 95 percent CI, 0.67 – 0.95; two-sided *p*=0.0091).

"Amgen is focused on advancing treatment options that have the potential to transform outcomes for patients," said David M. Reese, M.D., senior vice president of Translational Sciences and Oncology at Amgen. "The ASPIRE trial showed significant improvement in survival in patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma who received KYPROLIS as part of a triplet regimen. With this approval, the U.S. Prescribing Information for KYPROLIS now includes positive overall survival data from two Phase 3 trials, underscoring the important role of proteasome inhibition in the treatment of multiple myeloma."

Full OS results from ASPIRE were published earlier this year in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. The safety data were consistent with the known safety profile of KYPROLIS. The most common adverse events (greater than or equal to 20 percent) in the KYPROLIS arm were diarrhea, anemia, neutropenia, fatigue, upper respiratory tract infection, pyrexia, cough, hypokalemia, thrombocytopenia, muscle spasms, pneumonia, nasopharyngitis, nausea, constipation, insomnia and bronchitis.

Since its approval in 2012, approximately 80,000 patients worldwide have received KYPROLIS. The KYPROLIS clinical program continues to focus on providing treatment options for physicians and patients for this frequently relapsing and difficult-to-treat blood cancer.

#### **About ASPIRE**

The international, randomized Phase 3 ASPIRE (CArfilzomib, Lenalidomide, and DexamethaSone versus Lenalidomide and Dexamethasone for the treatment of Patlents with Relapsed Multiple MyEloma) trial evaluated KYPROLIS in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone, versus lenalidomide and dexamethasone alone, in patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma following treatment with one to three prior regimens. The primary endpoint of the trial was progression-free survival, defined as the time from treatment initiation to disease progression or death. Secondary endpoints included OS, overall response rate, duration of response, disease control rate, health-related quality of life and safety. Patients were randomized to receive KYPROLIS (20 mg/m² on days 1 and 2 of cycle one, escalating to 27 mg/m² on days 8, 9, 15 and 16 of cycle one and continuing on days 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16 of subsequent cycles), in addition to a standard dosing schedule of lenalidomide (25 mg per day for 21 days on, seven days off) and low-dose dexamethasone (40 mg per week in four-week cycles), versus lenalidomide and low-dose dexamethasone alone. The study randomized 792 patients at sites in North America, Europe and Israel.

#### **About Multiple Myeloma**

Multiple myeloma is an incurable blood cancer, characterized by a recurring pattern of remission and relapse. It is a rare and life-threatening disease that accounts for approximately two percent of all cancers. In the U.S., there are more than 124,000 people living with, or in remission from, multiple myeloma. Approximately 30,770 Americans are diagnosed with multiple myeloma each year and 12,770 patient deaths are reported on an annual basis.

# About KYPROLIS® (carfilzomib)

Proteasomes play an important role in cell function and growth by breaking down proteins that are damaged or no longer needed.<sup>4</sup> KYPROLIS has been shown to block proteasomes, leading to an excessive build-up of proteins within cells.<sup>4</sup> In some cells, KYPROLIS can cause cell death, especially in myeloma cells because they are more likely to contain a higher amount of abnormal proteins.<sup>4,5</sup>

KYPROLIS is approved in the U.S. for the following:

- In combination with dexamethasone or with lenalidomide plus dexamethasone for the treatment of patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma who have received one to three lines of therapy.
- As a single agent for the treatment of patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma who have received one or more lines of therapy.

KYPROLIS is also approved in Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Macao, Mexico, Thailand, Colombia, S. Korea, Qatar, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Russia, Brazil, India, Oman and the United States. Additional regulatory applications for KYPROLIS are underway and have been submitted to health authorities worldwide.

#### **Cardiac Toxicities**

- New onset or worsening of pre-existing cardiac failure (e.g., congestive heart failure, pulmonary edema, decreased
  ejection fraction), restrictive cardiomyopathy, myocardial ischemia, and myocardial infarction including fatalities have
  occurred following administration of KYPROLIS. Some events occurred in patients with normal baseline ventricular
  function. Death due to cardiac arrest has occurred within one day of KYPROLIS administration.
- Monitor patients for clinical signs or symptoms of cardiac failure or cardiac ischemia. Evaluate promptly if cardiac toxicity is suspected. Withhold KYPROLIS for Grade 3 or 4 cardiac adverse events until recovery, and consider whether to restart KYPROLIS at 1 dose level reduction based on a benefit/risk assessment.
- While adequate hydration is required prior to each dose in Cycle 1, monitor all patients for evidence of volume overload, especially patients at risk for cardiac failure. Adjust total fluid intake as clinically appropriate in patients with baseline cardiac failure or who are at risk for cardiac failure.
- Patients ≥ 75 years, the risk of cardiac failure is increased. Patients with New York Heart Association Class III and IV heart failure, recent myocardial infarction, conduction abnormalities, angina, or arrhythmias may be at greater risk for cardiac complications and should have a comprehensive medical assessment (including blood pressure control and fluid management) prior to starting treatment with KYPROLIS and remain under close follow-up.

#### **Acute Renal Failure**

Cases of acute renal failure, including some fatal renal failure events, and renal insufficiency adverse events (including
renal failure) have occurred in patients receiving KYPROLIS. Acute renal failure was reported more frequently in patients
with advanced relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma who received KYPROLIS monotherapy. Monitor renal function
with regular measurement of the serum creatinine and/or estimated creatinine clearance. Reduce or withhold dose as
appropriate.

## **Tumor Lysis Syndrome**

Cases of Tumor Lysis Syndrome (TLS), including fatal outcomes, have occurred in patients receiving KYPROLIS. Patients
with multiple myeloma and a high tumor burden should be considered at greater risk for TLS. Adequate hydration is
required prior to each dose in Cycle 1, and in subsequent cycles as needed. Consider uric acid lowering drugs in patients
at risk for TLS. Monitor for evidence of TLS during treatment and manage promptly. Withhold KYPROLIS until TLS is
resolved.

## **Pulmonary Toxicity**

Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), acute respiratory failure, and acute diffuse infiltrative pulmonary disease
such as pneumonitis and interstitial lung disease have occurred in patients receiving KYPROLIS. Some events have been
fatal. In the event of drug-induced pulmonary toxicity, discontinue KYPROLIS.

# **Pulmonary Hypertension**

Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) was reported in patients treated with KYPROLIS. Evaluate with cardiac imaging
and/or other tests as indicated. Withhold KYPROLIS for PAH until resolved or returned to baseline and consider whether to
restart KYPROLIS based on a benefit/risk assessment.

# Dyspnea

Dyspnea was reported in patients treated with KYPROLIS. Evaluate dyspnea to exclude cardiopulmonary conditions
including cardiac failure and pulmonary syndromes. Stop KYPROLIS for Grade 3 or 4 dyspnea until resolved or returned to
baseline. Consider whether to restart KYPROLIS based on a benefit/risk assessment.

#### **Hypertension**

Hypertension, including hypertensive crisis and hypertensive emergency, has been observed with KYPROLIS. Some of
these events have been fatal. It is recommended to control hypertension prior to starting KYPROLIS. Monitor blood
pressure regularly in all patients. If hypertension cannot be adequately controlled, withhold KYPROLIS and evaluate.
Consider whether to restart KYPROLIS based on a benefit/risk assessment.

# **Venous Thrombosis**

 Venous thromboembolic events (including deep venous thrombosis and pulmonary embolism) have been observed with KYPROLIS. Thromboprophylaxis is recommended for patients being treated with the combination of KYPROLIS with dexamethasone or with lenalidomide plus dexamethasone. The thromboprophylaxis regimen should be based on an assessment of the patient's underlying risks. Thromboprophylaxis is recommended for patients being treated with the

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- Patients using oral contraceptives or a hormonal method of contraception associated with a risk of thrombosis should consider an alternative method of effective contraception during treatment with KYPROLIS in combination with dexamethasone or lenalidomide plus dexamethasone.

## Infusion Reactions

• Infusion reactions, including life-threatening reactions, have occurred in patients receiving KYPROLIS. Symptoms include fever, chills, arthralgia, myalgia, facial flushing, facial edema, vomiting, weakness, shortness of breath, hypotension, syncope, chest tightness, or angina. These reactions can occur immediately following or up to 24 hours after administration of KYPROLIS. Premedicate with dexamethasone to reduce the incidence and severity of infusion reactions. Inform patients of the risk and of symptoms of an infusion reaction and to contact a physician immediately if they occur. Premedicate with dexamethasone to reduce the incidence and severity of infusion reactions. Inform patients of the risk and of symptoms of an infusion reaction and to contact a physician immediately if they occur.

#### Hemorrhage

• Fatal or serious cases of hemorrhage have been reported in patients receiving KYPROLIS. Hemorrhagic events have included gastrointestinal, pulmonary, and intracranial hemorrhage and epistaxis. Promptly evaluate signs and symptoms of blood loss. Reduce or withhold dose as appropriate.

## Thrombocytopenia

• KYPROLIS causes thrombocytopenia with recovery to baseline platelet count usually by the start of the next cycle. Thrombocytopenia was reported in patients receiving KYPROLIS. Monitor platelet counts frequently during treatment with KYPROLIS. Reduce or withhold dose as appropriate.

# **Hepatic Toxicity and Hepatic Failure**

Cases of hepatic failure, including fatal cases, have been reported during treatment with KYPROLIS. KYPROLIS can
cause increased serum transaminases. Monitor liver enzymes regularly regardless of baseline values. Reduce or withhold
dose as appropriate.

## **Thrombotic Microangiopathy**

• Cases of thrombotic microangiopathy, including thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura/hemolytic uremic syndrome (TTP/HUS), including fatal outcome have occurred in patients receiving KYPROLIS. Monitor for signs and symptoms of TTP/HUS. Discontinue KYPROLIS if diagnosis is suspected. If the diagnosis of TTP/HUS is excluded, KYPROLIS may be restarted. The safety of reinitiating KYPROLIS therapy in patients previously experiencing TTP/HUS is not known.

# Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy Syndrome (PRES)

 Cases of PRES have occurred in patients receiving KYPROLIS. PRES was formerly known as Reversible Posterior Leukoencephalopathy Syndrome. Consider a neuro-radiological imaging (MRI) for onset of visual or neurological symptoms. Discontinue KYPROLIS if PRES is suspected and evaluate. The safety of reinitiating KYPROLIS therapy in patients previously experiencing PRES is not known.

# Increased Fatal and Serious Toxicities in Combination with Melphalan and Prednisone in Newly Diagnosed Transplant-ineligible Patients

 In a clinical trial of transplant-ineligible patients with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma comparing KYPROLIS, melphalan, and prednisone (KMP) vs bortezomib, melphalan, and prednisone (VMP), a higher incidence of serious and fatal adverse events was observed in patients in the KMP arm. KYPROLIS in combination with melphalan and prednisone is not indicated for transplant-ineligible patients with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma.

#### **Embryo-fetal Toxicity**

- KYPROLIS can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman based on its mechanism of action and findings in animals.
- Females of reproductive potential should be advised to avoid becoming pregnant while being treated with KYPROLIS.
   Males of reproductive potential should be advised to avoid fathering a child while being treated with KYPROLIS. If this drug is used during pregnancy, or if pregnancy occurs while taking this drug, the patient should be apprised of the potential hazard to the fetus.

#### **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

- The most common adverse reactions occurring in at least 20% of patients treated with KYPROLIS in the combination therapy trials: anemia, neutropenia, diarrhea, dyspnea, fatigue, thrombocytopenia, pyrexia, insomnia, muscle spasm, cough, upper respiratory tract infection, hypokalemia.
- The most common side effects occurring in at least 20% of patients receiving KYPROLIS when used alone (monotherapy) in trials are: low red blood cell count, tiredness (fatigue), low platelets, nausea, fever, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, headache, cough, swelling of the lower legs or hands.

#### Please see full prescribing information at www.kyprolis.com.

#### **About Amgen's Commitment to Oncology**

Amgen Oncology is committed to helping patients take on some of the toughest cancers, such as those that have been resistant to drugs, those that progress rapidly through the body and those where limited treatment options exist. Amgen's supportive care treatments help patients combat certain side effects of strong chemotherapy, and our targeted medicines and immunotherapies focus on more than a dozen different malignancies, ranging from blood cancers to solid tumors. With decades of experience providing therapies for cancer patients, Amgen continues to grow its portfolio of innovative and biosimilar oncology medicines.

## **About Amgen**

Amgen is committed to unlocking the potential of biology for patients suffering from serious illnesses by discovering, developing, manufacturing and delivering innovative human therapeutics. This approach begins by using tools like advanced human genetics to unravel the complexities of disease and understand the fundamentals of human biology.

Amgen focuses on areas of high unmet medical need and leverages its expertise to strive for solutions that improve health outcomes and dramatically improve people's lives. A biotechnology pioneer since 1980, Amgen has grown to be one of the world's leading independent biotechnology companies, has reached millions of patients around the world and is developing a pipeline of medicines with breakaway potential.

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No forward-looking statement can be guaranteed and actual results may differ materially from those we project. Discovery or identification of new product candidates or development of new indications for existing products cannot be guaranteed and movement from concept to product is uncertain; consequently, there can be no guarantee that any particular product candidate or development of a new indication for an existing product will be successful and become a commercial product. Further, preclinical results do not guarantee safe and effective performance of product candidates in humans. The complexity of the human body cannot be perfectly, or sometimes, even adequately modeled by computer or cell culture systems or animal models. The length of time that it takes for us to complete clinical trials and obtain regulatory approval for product marketing has in the past varied and we expect similar variability in the future. Even when clinical trials are successful, regulatory authorities may question the sufficiency for approval of the trial endpoints we have selected. We develop product candidates internally and through licensing collaborations, partnerships and joint ventures. Product candidates that are derived from relationships may be subject to disputes between the parties or may prove to be not as effective or as safe as we may have believed at the time of entering into such relationship. Also, we or others could identify safety, side effects or manufacturing problems with our products, including our devices, after they are on the market.

Our results may be affected by our ability to successfully market both new and existing products domestically and internationally, clinical and regulatory developments involving current and future products, sales growth of recently launched products, competition from other products including biosimilars, difficulties or delays in manufacturing our products and global economic conditions. In addition, sales of our products are affected by pricing pressure, political and public scrutiny and reimbursement policies imposed by third-party payers, including governments, private insurance plans and managed care providers and may be affected by regulatory, clinical and guideline developments and domestic and international trends toward managed care and healthcare cost containment. Furthermore, our research, testing, pricing, marketing and other operations are subject to extensive regulation by domestic and foreign government regulatory authorities. Our business may be impacted by government investigations, litigation and product liability claims. In addition, our business may be impacted by the adoption of new tax legislation or exposure to additional tax liabilities. If we fail to meet the compliance obligations in the corporate integrity agreement between us and the U.S. government, we could become subject to significant sanctions. Further, while we routinely obtain patents for our products and technology, the protection offered by our patents and patent applications may be challenged, invalidated or circumvented by our competitors, or we may fail to prevail in present and future intellectual property litigation. We perform a substantial amount of our commercial manufacturing activities at a few key facilities, including in Puerto Rico, and also depend on third parties for a portion of our manufacturing activities, and limits on supply may constrain sales of certain of our current products and product candidate development. In addition, we compete with other companies with respect to many of our marketed products as well as for the discovery and development of new products. Further, some raw materials, medical devices and component parts for our products are supplied by sole third-party suppliers. Certain of our distributors, customers and payers have substantial purchasing leverage in their dealings with us. The discovery of significant problems with a product similar to one of our products that implicate an entire class of products could have a material adverse effect on sales of the affected products and on our business and results of operations. Our efforts to acquire other companies or products and to integrate the operations of companies we have acquired may not be successful. A breakdown, cyberattack or information security breach could compromise the confidentiality, integrity and availability of our systems and our data. Our stock price is volatile and may be affected by a number of events. Our business performance could affect or limit the ability of our Board of Directors to declare a dividend or our ability to pay a dividend or repurchase our

common stock. We may not be able to access the capital and credit markets on terms that are favorable to us, or at all.

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