CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY AND BIOPHARMACEUTICS REVIEW NDA 21-492 SE8- s008

Drug name: ELOXATIN®

Generic name: Oxaliplatin

Formulation: 50 mg or 100 mg vial of sterile, preservative-free

lyophilized powder for reconstitution

Adult Indication: Metastatic carcinoma of the colon or rectum

Pediatric Indication: None

Current Submission: Pediatric Supplement

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Type of Submission: NDA-Supplement

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Oxaliplatin is a platinum-based neoplastic agent approved, in combination with 5-fluorouracil for the treatment of colorectal cancer. The current submission includes studies conducted by the applicant in response to a pediatric written request for studies of oxaliplatin in pediatric malignancies. Two phase 1 studies were conducted to evaluate the safety and pharmacokinetics (PK) of oxaliplatin in children with advanced solid tumors. Two phase 2 studies were conducted to evaluate response rates in children with CNS tumors. A population PK model was developed for oxaliplatin in the pediatric population across the 4 studies. The clearance of oxaliplatin in pediatric patients was consistent with estimates obtained in adults. Exposure-response analysis did not indicate any significant relationships between AUC and incidence of severe (grade 3/4) toxicity including neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, anemia, neuropathy, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. The applicant is not currently seeking an indication for use of oxaliplatin in pediatric malignancies. The applicant has proposed to include information on the safety and pharmacokinetics of oxaliplatin in pediatric patients in the label.

A. RECOMMENDATIONS

The clinical pharmacology information submitted by the applicant in the current submission is acceptable, from the Office of Clinical Pharmacology perspective, with some minor modifications to the label.

Applicant's Labeling:

Under sections:

FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION: CONTENTS
8. USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS
8.4 Pediatric Use

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Agency's Proposed Labeling:

Under sections:

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The pharmacokinetic parameters of ultrafiltrable platinum have been evaluated in (1956) pediatric patients during the first cycle. The average clearance in pediatric patients estimated by the population pharmacokinetic analysis was (1956) 4.7 L/h/m². The inter-patient variability of platinum clearance in pediatric cancer patients was (1956) 4.1%.

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B. SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY FINDINGS

The applicant has conducted two phase 1 studies to characterize the safety and pharmacokinetics (PK) of oxaliplatin in children with advanced solid tumors. Oxaliplatin was given as a single agent in a weekly regimen in one study and an every-3-week regimen in the other study.

The applicant has also conducted two phase 2 studies to characterize the safety, PK and activity of oxaliplatin in patients with advanced CNS tumors. Oxaliplatin was given at a dose of 130 mg/m² every 3 weeks in both studies.

The PK data from the four studies were combined and a population PK model was developed to describe the PK of oxaliplatin. A three-compartment model, with interindividual variability on CL, V2 and V3 and with a proportional residual error model, described platinum concentrations in plasma ultrafiltrate (PUF) collected in pediatric cancer patients. Inter-individual variability of PUF platinum clearance was significantly related to body weight and glomerular filtration rate. The residual variability for the final model was 41%.

Oxaliplatin exposures seen in pediatric and adult patients were comparable both in plasma and PUF, following comparable doses of 130 mg/m². This suggests that the PK parameters for pediatric and adult patients are comparable. The population mean oxaliplatin clearance in pediatric patients is 5.1 L/hr or 4.7 L/hr/m² (%CV=41%) when normalized for body surface area (BSA). The estimate of oxaliplatin clearance in adults is reported to be 9.3 L/hr at 130 mg/m². Using a nominal BSA of 1.73 m², these clearances would translate to 5.4 L/hr/m². These estimates indicate that the PK in pediatric patients can be predicted from adults.

The sponsor also conducted an exposure-response analysis to examine the relationship between exposure and incidence of various toxicities associated with oxaliplatin, including neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, GI toxicities (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) and CNS toxicities (peripheral neuropathy). An analysis conducted in patients with exposure (AUC) data did not reveal any significant association between incidence of severe (grade 3/4) toxicity and exposure across studies.

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