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Pharmacoeconomic Report

APALUTAMIDE (ERLEADA)

(Janssen Inc.)

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Abbreviations

AAP + ADT	abiraterone acetate plus prednisone in combination with androgen deprivation therapy
ADT	androgen deprivation therapy
AE	adverse event
APA + ADT	apalutamide in combination with androgen deprivation therapy
AUC	area under the curve
BIA	budget impact analysis
CAD	Canadian Dollars
CGP	clinical guidance panel
DOC + ADT	docetaxel in combination with androgen deprivation therapy
ECOG	Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group
FACT-P	Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy-Prostate
ICER	incremental cost-effectiveness ratio
HR	hazard ratio
ITC	indirect treatment comparison
IV	intravenous
LHRH	luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone
mCRPC	metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer
mCSPC	metastatic castration-sensitive prostate cancer
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
OS	overall survival
PAG	Provincial Advisory Group
PPS	post-progression survival
QALY	quality-adjusted life year
QoL	quality of life
rPFS	radiographic progression-free survival
SMC	Scottish Medicines Consortium
USD	United States Dollar
WTP	willingness-to-pay

Executive Summary

The executive summary is comprised of two tables (Table 1: Background and Table 2: Economic) and a conclusion.

Table 1: Submitted for Review

Item	Description
Drug Product	Apalutamide (Erleada), 60 mg tablet
Submitted Price	Apalutamide, 60 mg tablet: \$28.35
Indication	For the treatment of patients with metastatic castration-sensitive prostate cancer (mCSPC)
Health Canada Approval Status	NOC
Health Canada review pathway	Standard review
NOC Date	Dec 12, 2019
Reimbursement Request	As per indication
Sponsor	Janssen Inc
Submission History	<p>Previously Reviewed: Yes</p> <p>Indication: For the treatment of patients with castration-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC) who have no detectable distant metastases by either computed tomography scan, magnetic resonance imaging, or technetium-99m bone scan.</p> <p>Recommendation date: Nov 1, 2018</p> <p>Recommendation: Recommended with the condition of cost-effectiveness being improved to an acceptable level.¹</p>

CRPC = castration-resistant prostate cancer; NOC = Health Canada Notice of Compliance; mCSPC = metastatic castration-sensitive prostate cancer.

Table 2: Summary of Economic Evaluation

Component	Description
Type of Economic Evaluation	Cost-utility analysis Partitioned survival model
Target Population	Adult male patients with metastatic castration-sensitive prostate cancer (aligned with reimbursement request)
Treatment	Apalutamide in combination with androgen deprivation therapy (APA + ADT)
Comparators	Androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) alone Docetaxel in combination with ADT (DOC + ADT) Abiraterone acetate plus prednisone in combination with ADT (AAP + ADT)
Perspective	Canadian publicly-funded health care payer
Outcomes	QALYs, LYs
Time Horizon	20 years
Key Data Source	TITAN trial and sponsor submitted indirect treatment comparison (ITC) reporting overall survival and radiographic progression-free survival (rPFS)
Submitted Results for Base Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APA+ ADT pairwise ICERs are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ APA + ADT vs. ADT: \$103,998 per QALY (1.45 inc. QALYs; \$150,548 inc. costs) ○ APA + ADT vs. DOC + ADT: \$286,998 per QALY (0.51 inc. QALYs; \$145,413 inc. costs) • Based on the sequential analyses, APA + ADT was less costly and less effective than AAP + ADT. Further, APA + ADT was extendedly dominated by DOC + ADT and AAP + ADT (i.e., not on the efficiency frontier) • The sequential ICERs are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DOC + ADT vs. ADT: \$5,457 per QALY (0.94 inc. QALYs; \$5,134 inc. costs) ○ AAP + ADT vs. DOC + ADT: \$276,173 per QALY (0.62 inc. QALYs; \$170,478 inc. costs)
Key Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncertainty exists regarding the duration of treatment effect and the long-term extrapolation of OS. The approach taken by the sponsor appeared to overestimate patient survival in the model. • The sponsor inappropriately applied treatment-dependent utilities, which should be captured by the model structure, independent of assigned treatment. • A short time horizon was utilized, however with interventions that have differential effects on mortality a lifetime time horizon is more appropriate. • Adjustment of drug costs according to dose intensity underestimated treatment costs. • Subsequent treatment sequencing was not fully captured in the model, limiting generalizability to clinical practice. • Docetaxel drug costs were overestimated as only the highest available strength was included.
CADTH Reanalysis Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CADTH reanalyses included: using health state utilities independent of treatment-assignment and including AE utility decrements, corrected docetaxel cost calculations, revised dose intensity, adjusting mortality to include non-cancer death, and extending the time horizon. CADTH was unable to address the application of subsequent treatment, uncertainty associated with the sponsor ITC, limitations with the TITAN trial, and the duration of treatment effect. • Based on CADTH reanalyses, APA + ADT is extendedly dominated. • Based on sequential analyses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ADT is the preferred option if a decision maker's WTP is less than \$939 per QALY ○ DOC + ADT is the preferred option if the WTP is between \$939 and \$282,082 per QALY ○ AAP + ADT is the preferred option if the WTP is more than \$282,082 per QALY. • At WTP thresholds of \$100,000 and \$50,000 per QALY, approximate price reductions between 60% to 70% and 80%, respectively, would be required.

AAP + ADT = abiraterone acetate plus prednisone in combination with androgen deprivation therapy; ADT = androgen deprivation therapy; DOC + ADT = docetaxel in combination with androgen deprivation therapy; ICER = incremental cost-effectiveness ratio; inc. = incremental; ITC = indirect treatment comparison; LY = life year; LYG = life year gained; OS = overall survival; QALY = quality-adjusted life-year; rPFS = radiographic progression-free survival; WTP = willingness-to-pay.

Note: Extendedly dominated refers to a treatment having a higher ICER when compared to both the previous and next most effective treatment.

Conclusions

CADTH undertook reanalyses to address limitations that included removing treatment specific utilities and including AE-related utility decrements, correcting docetaxel cost calculations, revising dose intensity, adjusting mortality to account for non-cancer death, and extending the time horizon (30 years) to reflect a patient's lifetime (i.e., 100 years).

CADTH's findings were aligned with the sponsor's results. According to CADTH reanalyses, APA + ADT is extendedly dominated and did not comprise the cost effectiveness frontier. Based on the CADTH base case, ADT is the preferred treatment option if a decision maker's WTP is less than \$939 per QALY; DOC + ADT is the preferred option if the WTP is between \$939 to \$282,082 per QALY; and, AAP + ADT is the preferred option if the WTP is more than \$282,082 per QALY. Price reductions can improve the cost-effectiveness of APA + ADT in patients with mCSPC, if a decision maker's WTP is \$100,000 and \$50,000 per QALY, approximate price reductions between 60% to 70% and 80%, respectively, are required.

While the submitted model was reflective of the current treatment landscape for mCSPC, the model structure precluded CADTH from exploring the downstream impact of subsequent treatment and the impact of treatment effect waning.

Based on the sponsor's submitted budget impact analysis, the total incremental cost is estimated to be \$ [REDACTED] over the first 3 years. *Non-Disclosable information was used in this pCODR Guidance Report and the sponsor requested this economic information not be disclosed pursuant to the pCODR Disclosure of Information Guidelines. This information will remain redacted until notification by the sponsor that it can be publicly disclosed.* CADTH reanalyses suggest that the budget impact of introducing apalutamide to the market was underestimated in the sponsor's results and estimated to be \$28,574,855 over the first 3 years in CADTH reanalyses.

Stakeholder Input Relevant to the Economic Review

This section outlines the technical details of the pCODR Economic Guidance Panel's evaluation of the economic evidence that is summarized in the executive summary. In accordance with the *Disclosure of Information Guidelines for the CADTH Pan-Canadian Oncology Drug Review*, this section is not eligible for disclosure. It was provided to the pCODR Expert Review Committee (pERC) for their deliberations and the participating drug programs for their information.

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Appendix 1: Cost Comparison Table

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Appendix 2: Submission Quality

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Appendix 3: Additional Information on the Submitted Economic Evaluation

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Appendix 4: Additional Details on the CADTH Reanalyses and Sensitivity Analyses of the Economic Evaluation

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Appendix 5: Submitted Budget Impact Analysis and CADTH Appraisal

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