Statement



Roche statement on FDA Oncologic Drug Advisory Meetings on 27-29 April 2021

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Roche will participate in the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee (ODAC) meetings on 27–29 April 2021, as part of an industry-wide review of accelerated approvals with confirmatory trials that have not met their primary endpoint(s) and have yet to gain regular approval. The ODAC meetings include Tecentriq® (atezolizumab) indications in certain people with metastatic triple-negative breast cancer (mTNBC), and in first-line metastatic urothelial carcinoma (mUC, bladder cancer). The FDA's Accelerated Approval Program allows conditional approval of a medicine that fills an unmet medical need for a serious condition, with specific postmarketing requirements to confirm the clinical benefit and convert to regular approval.

Cancer immunotherapy has fundamentally changed the way certain cancers are treated, especially difficult-to-treat types of cancer where the unmet need is particularly high. Checkpoint inhibitors, like Tecentriq, continue to demonstrate benefits across multiple cancer types and have provided a novel treatment option for many patients. We remain committed to following the science to better understand cancer, including which patients may benefit most from immunotherapy treatment. We look forward to continued collaboration with the FDA and discussions with the advisory committees.

About Tecentriq ODAC Meetings

On 27 April 2021, the advisory committee will discuss the accelerated approval for Tecentriq plus chemotherapy (Abraxane® [paclitaxel protein-bound particles for injectable suspension (albumin-bound); nab-paclitaxel]) for the treatment of adults with unresectable locally advanced or mTNBC in people whose tumours express PD-L1, as determined by an FDA-approved test. On 28 April 2021, the advisory committee will discuss the accelerated approval for Tecentriq for the treatment of adults with locally advanced or mUC who are not eligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy and whose tumours express high levels of PD-L1 (PD-L1-stained tumour-infiltrating immune cells covering ≥5% of the tumour area), as determined by an FDA-approved test, or are not eligible for any platinum-containing chemotherapy regardless of PD-L1 status.

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in in vitro diagnostics and tissue-based cancer diagnostics, and a frontrunner in diabetes management.

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