

## ZELTIA NEWS:

### 7 New studies with Yondelis<sup>®</sup> in Ovarian Cancer presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO)

- Yondelis<sup>®</sup> (trabectedin) given prior to subsequent platinum rechallenge may prolong the platinum free-interval and reverse or reduce tumour cell resistance to platinum, leading to enhanced outcomes and longer survival.
- Over 2,500 gynaecological oncologists and researchers, will attend ESGO's 18<sup>th</sup> International Meeting to be held in Liverpool, UK between the 19th to 22nd October 2013.

**Madrid, 10 October 2013:** Over 2,500 gynaecological oncologists and researchers, are expected to attend the 18th International Meeting of the European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO), where seven studies on Yondelis<sup>®</sup>, the marine drug produced by PharmaMar, a biotechnology subsidiary of Grupo Zeltia (MC:ZEL), will be presented.

The most notable of the trabectedin (Yondelis<sup>®</sup>) communications to be presented at the meeting is "Trabectedin allows retreatment with platinum-based chemotherapy in patients with platinum-resistant/refractory (PRR) and partially platinum-sensitive (PPS) recurrent ovarian cancer (ROC)": this retrospective analysis evaluated if prolonging the platinum free-interval (PFI) with Yondelis<sup>®</sup> as single agent may improve survival and play a role in reverting platinum-resistance in such patients. The analysis revealed that sequential treatment with trabectedin prior to subsequent platinum rechallenge may contribute to prolong PFI and to re-sensitize the patients with PRR and PPS ROC to further platinum-based therapies, leading to a significant clinical benefit.

Six further communications will be presented on the subject of using Yondelis<sup>®</sup> to treat patients with recurrent ovarian cancer (ROC).

- “Low expression of nibrin predicts better prognosis in patients with ovarian cancer treated with trabectedin plus pegylated liposomal doxorubicin (PLD)”: this analysis investigated expression of the protein nibrin as a possible biomarker in patients with ROC. It reported that low nibrin expression appears to be associated with better clinical outcomes in patients with ROC treated with a combination of Yondelis® and PLD.
- “A phase II study of trabectedin in the treatment of patients with recurrent ovarian cancer (ROC)”: this trial concluded that Yondelis® as monotherapy is active in heavily pre-treated ROC patients and compares favourably with alternative therapies. Yondelis® was found to have a manageable, non-cumulative toxicity profile, with the result that it can be administered to ROC patients who have limited therapeutic options.
- “A retrospective analysis of trabectedin infusion in an outpatient setting by Peripherally Inserted Central venous Catheters (PICC): a multicentric Italian experience”: this analysis suggests that Yondelis® infusion via PICC is safe and well accepted. PICC was found to be a cost-effective method that is preferable to Port for Yondelis® infusion.
- “A retrospective analysis of trabectedin use in ovarian cancer patients: a multicentric Italian experience” reported that trabectedin’s activity was maintained until the 3<sup>rd</sup> line of therapy, while when given in later lines of therapy its activity was slightly lower. In patient who received trabectedin as a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> line of therapy a median PFS was 9.2 months (range: 2.6-26.4) with no signs of worsening in safety with advanced lines.
- “Trabectedin as single-agent in heavily pretreated patients with relapsed ovarian cancer (ROC): Results from a retrospective study”: this retrospective study concluded that treatment with Yondelis® as monotherapy is a useful therapeutic option for heavily pretreated ROC patients, evidencing clinical benefit and an acceptable, manageable safety profile.
- “Phase II trial of weekly trabectedin plus weekly pegylated liposomal doxorubicin for treatment of advanced, persistent or recurrent ovarian carcinoma” reported that weekly administration of Yondelis® 0.4 mg/m<sup>2</sup> combined with PLD 10 mg/m<sup>2</sup> is a safe and feasible treatment option for patients with recurrent ovarian cancer.

### **About PharmaMar**

PharmaMar is a biopharmaceutical subsidiary of Grupo Zeltia; it is a world leader in discovering, developing and marketing marine-based drugs to treat cancer. Yondelis® is the first marine-based antitumour drug. PharmaMar has four other compounds in clinical development: Aplidin®, Zalypsis®, PM01183 and PM060184. PharmaMar also has a rich pipeline of pre-clinical candidates and a major R&D programme.

### **About Zeltia**

Zeltia S.A. is a world-leading biopharmaceutical company specialised in the development of marine-based drugs for use in oncology. Grupo Zeltia consists mainly of the following companies: PharmaMar, the world-leading biotechnology company in advancing cancer care through the discovery and development of innovative marine-derived medicines; Genómica, Spain's leading company in molecular diagnostics based on DNA analysis; and Sylentis, dedicated to researching therapeutic applications of gene silencing (RNAi).

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