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<b>Subject</b>	Cross-Discipline Team Leader Review
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<b>Applicant</b>	Novartis
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<b>PDUFA Goal Date</b>	3/7/2020
<b>Proprietary Name</b>	Isturisa
<b>Established or Proper Name</b>	Osilodrostat
<b>Dosage Form(s)</b>	film-coated tablets for oral use
<b>Applicant Proposed Indication(s)/Population(s)</b>	Treatment of patients with Cushing's disease
<b>Applicant Proposed Dosing Regimen(s)</b>	2 mg-30 mg to be administered orally twice a day
<b>Recommendation on Regulatory Action</b>	<i>Approval</i>
<b>Recommended Indication(s)/Population(s) (if applicable)</b>	Treatment of adult patients with Cushing's disease for whom pituitary surgery is not an option or has not been curative.

## 1. Benefit-Risk Assessment

### Benefit-Risk Assessment Framework

Cushing's Disease (CD) is a rare disease caused by an ACTH-secreting pituitary adenoma, which results in excess cortisol associated with increased morbidity and mortality. CD is the most common cause of endogenous Cushing's syndrome in approximately 70% of cases of endogenous CS. Because of the significant morbidity associated with CD, early therapeutic resection of the adenoma is first-line therapy and the treatment of choice. Surgery is successful in 60-80% patients with microadenoma (less than 1 cm in diameter). However, even in patients who respond to surgery, up to 25% will experience recurrence within 5 years. Second-line therapy of CD includes pituitary radiation, medical therapy to reduce serum cortisol concentrations, and bilateral adrenalectomy. Although not curative, medical therapy plays an important role in the management of CD. Medical therapy is often employed in patients with persistence or recurrence of CD despite having undergone surgery, in patients with CD who are not candidates for surgery, or in patients who are not candidates for surgery but require control hypercortisolism until the results of radiotherapy become effective, and in patients who are not candidates for surgery due to poor health. Lifelong medical treatment to suppress cortisol levels may be required if the primary cause of Cushing's syndrome is not treated successfully with surgery and/or radiation.

The U.S.-approved drugs indicated to treat one or more manifestations of CS/CD are: two injectable formulations of pasireotide (Pasireotide, NDA 200677 and Signifor LAR, NDA 203255, Novartis), and mifepristone, a glucocorticoid receptor antagonist (Mifepristone, NDA 202107, Corcept Therapeutics). Pasireotide is approved for the treatment of patients with CD for whom surgery has not been curative. Mifepristone is approved for the control of hyperglycemia in adult patients with endogenous CS with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) or glucose intolerance who have failed surgery or are not candidates for surgery. These drugs are associated with several adverse events, including QT interval prolongation, gastrointestinal adverse reactions, and adrenal insufficiency. For pasireotide, the most common adverse events are headache, hypertension, and nausea. These adverse events may affect compliance or acceptability of the treatment. Registration trials have shown that pasireotide normalized or decreased cortisol levels in  $\approx$  40% of patients. As already mentioned, mifepristone is approved only for a subgroup of CS patients - patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus or glucose intolerance - which include about 50-60% of all CS patients. Therefore, there is an unmet need for additional treatments for patients with CS/CD.

Current guidelines from professional societies list several unapproved drugs as part of the medical management of patients with CS. According to these guidelines, steroidogenesis inhibitors (ketoconazole, metyrapone, mitotane and etomidate) are recommended as widely used agents in the treatment of CS of any etiology; these drugs are effective in 75- 80% of patients<sup>3</sup>. Treatment with these drugs is associated with significant side effects, including adrenal insufficiency, liver damage, and bone marrow suppression.

<sup>1</sup> Biller BM, Grossman AB, et al. Treatment of adrenocorticotropin-dependent Cushing's syndrome: a consensus statement. J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2010;151:103-110.

<sup>2</sup> Nieman LK, Biller BM, et al. Endocrine Society. Treatment of Cushing's Syndrome: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline. J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2018;160(8):2807-31.

<sup>3</sup> Feelders RA, Hofland LJ, de Herder WW. Medical treatment of Cushing's syndrome: adrenal-blocking drugs and ketoconazole. Neuroendocrinol Lett. 2010;31(1):1-5.

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associated with such adverse reactions as gastrointestinal adverse effects, adrenal insufficiency, liver toxicity (ketoneuria, hypertension and hirsutism (metyrapone), etc. Thus, extensive clinical monitoring is required which may limit their use. Overall, therapeutic options for treatment of CS remain limited and many patients with CS remain undertreated.

The Applicant has demonstrated in a single, multi-center, double-blind, randomized withdrawal (RW) study of osilodrostat in a single arm, open-label dose titration period (study C2301) that treatment with osilodrostat in patients with non-surgical CS is effective in reducing mean 24-hour urinary free cortisol (mUFC) levels from baseline. In this study, 137 patients were randomized to receive osilodrostat for 24 weeks in a dose titration open-label single arm period. The starting dose was 2 mg BID; the dose was increased in 2 mg increments every 2 weeks to maximum dose 30 mg bid to achieve normalization of mUFC. The prespecified titration schedule included 2 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg and 30 mg; however, some subjects were titrated more slowly than was prespecified or had doses discontinued because of drug tolerability and adverse events including adrenal insufficiency. After the first 24 weeks of treatment, 72 patients were responders at week 24 (defined as patients who had normal mUFC and did not require a dose increase during the previous 24 weeks). These 72 patients were then randomized to receive osilodrostat or placebo in the RW period. Those who were not eligible for randomization continued to receive open-label osilodrostat.

The primary endpoint was the proportion of patients whose mUFCs remained in the normal range after withdrawal of osilodrostat and placebo groups. The key secondary efficacy endpoint was the proportion of complete responders in the withdrawal period. To be considered successful, the lower bound of the 95% CI for the proportion of patients who had normalization of mUFC was to exclude 30%, representing the minimum threshold demonstrating a clinically significant response to therapy in the study without any insight as to whether the patient will be a responder to osilodrostat or not (i.e. how the drug will be used in the future). The primary analysis demonstrated that osilodrostat was superior to placebo at Week 34, the end of the RW period: 86.1% of patients in the osilodrostat group maintained normal mUFC without dose change compared to 29.4% (95% CI: 15.1, 43.7) of patients in the placebo group. The response rate was not affected by the dose or history of pituitary radiation and ranged from 83.9% to 91.2% across the randomization stratification factor (dose at week 24 -> 5 mg bid and  $\leq$ 5 mg bid and history of pituitary radiation). The analysis confirmed that the UFC lowering effect was attributable to the drug itself and not to the other factors such as inactive placebo (as demonstrated by significant difference in the proportion of responders in active drug versus placebo groups). The key secondary endpoint achieved the pre-specified goal: 72 of 137 (52.6%; 95% CI: 43.9, 61.1) of patients met the definition for complete responders (the lower bound excludes 30%).

The most common adverse events (AE) in the 48-week Core Phase of the pivotal study C2301 were hypocortisolism (41.4%), headache (37%), insomnia (26.3%), fatigue (24%), vomiting (19.7%), nasopharyngitis (19.7%). The high rate of these adverse events (AEs) was most likely overestimated due to poor definition of the term of 'adrenal insufficiency (AI)' in the protocol that did not specify specific signs and symptoms (nausea, fatigue, etc.) of the condition without concurrent serum cortisol levels. As such, patients who tolerated rapidly decreasing cortisol levels were defined as having adrenal insufficiency; however, their cortisol levels were within the normal range. There was no death due to AI in the study, and all events improved/resolved with osilodrostat dose adjustment or discontinuation of glucocorticoids. Overall, hypocortisolism-related AEs are expected events based on the mechanism of action of osilodrostat.

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dose adjustment/interruption and treatment with glucocorticoids will be recommended in the WARNING and PRECAUTIONS section of the USPI to mitigate this risk. In addition, the pre-specified titration schedule used in the clinical study may also account for this risk. I recommend a more conservative approach to titration in the postmarketing setting. Thus, the risk will be further mitigated by the following recommendations which will advise not to increase the dose more frequently than every 2 weeks, to consider using smaller dose increments, and to base the decision of whether to increase the dose not only on absolute cortisol values, but also on the rate of cortisol increase, patient signs and symptoms.

Other potential safety issues associated with the use of osilodrostat include the risk of QT prolongation and/or torsades de pointes, and accumulation-related adverse reactions (hypertension, hypokalemia, hirsutism, acne). All these risks will be mitigated by the following recommendations which will include recommendations on appropriate patient selection, on monitoring for occurrence of these reactions, and on how to address these reactions including but not limited to osilodrostat dose adjustment and/or temporary interruption. A Warnings and Precautions section discussing these safety concerns will be included in labeling to ensure prescribers recognize that osilodrostat may pose these risks and can take appropriate precautions in patients at risk.

In conclusion, safety and efficacy data from the single, double blind randomized withdrawal phase 3 study conducted by the manufacturer of osilodrostat for the treatment of recurrent or non-surgical Cushing's disease have demonstrated that the benefits outweigh the risks in the overall population. Thus, I recommend approval of osilodrostat for the treatment of adult patients with CD. However, I recommend a limited indication to adult patients with CD for whom pituitary surgery is not an option or has not been curative reflecting the limited number of patients evaluated in the clinical program.

All identified safety issues can be mitigated by communicating risks in the product label and recommending appropriate monitoring and dose adjustment if required.

The following postmarketing requirements should be issued to further characterize the safety profile of osilodrostat.

- To complete the ongoing Phase 3 multi-center, randomized, double-blind, 48-week study with an initial 12-week run-in period (study C2302). This study will evaluate the safety profile of osilodrostat, including rate of hypocortisolism and the optimal dosing regimen that dose titration every 3 weeks)

These safety issues may be assessed postmarketing because they do not adversely impact the overall benefit risk assessment.

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