Nivolumab for treating squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck after platinum-based chemotherapy (CDF review of TA490)

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Summary of original appraisal TA490



Appraisal background

Nivolumab marketing authorisation: treatment of recurrent or metastatic squamous cell cancer of the head and neck in adults progressing on or after platinum-based chemotherapy.

TA490 recommendation: Nivolumab is recommended in the CDF for treating **squamous cell** carcinoma of the head and neck, only if:

- the disease has progressed within 6 months of having chemotherapy
- nivolumab is stopped at 2 years of uninterrupted treatment
- the conditions in the managed access agreement are followed.

	Original appraisal (TA490)	Current CDF review (ID1585)
Population	 Adults with recurrent or metastatic squamous cell head and neck cancer whose disease has progressed within 6 months of platinum-based chemotherapy PD-L1 ≥1% and PD-L1 subgroups Docetaxel subgroup was presented 	 All-randomised patients (regardless of PD-L1 status) PD-L1 ≥1% and PD-L1 <1% subgroups also presented Docetaxel subgroup presented at technical engagement
Comparator	 Docetaxel most relevant comparator Paclitaxel and methotrexate also considered 	Docetaxel only
Data	ITT population	ITT population
source	Docetaxel subgroup	 Docetaxel subgroup needed
Clinical data	CheckMate 141 (September 2016)	 CheckMate 141 (Oct 2019) Systemic anti-cancer therapy (SACT) data from 506 people (to October 2019)

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Treatment pathway from TA490

Adult presenting with early stage or locally-advanced SCCHN



Source: adapted from figure 6 company submission for TA490

 Cetuximab (TA473) and pembrolizumab (TA661) are now recommended for treating recurrent squamous head and neck cell carcinoma in some subgroups
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CDF review TA490 - Patient perspective

 Submissions from The Swallows Head & Neck Cancer Charity and Head and Neck Cancer UK

	Patient experts comments
Unmet need	 Available treatments are considered good Treatments that offer a better quality of life (QoL), long term survival, and reduced side effects would be beneficial There is a need for support during and after treatment
Quality of life	 Refractory or recurrent disease impact all aspects of life including mental wellbeing, social functioning, mobility, work People might struggle with selfcare, dressing, washing, decision making, eating, drinking, and communicating, there might also be disfigurement People might be depressed and dealing with suicide thoughts 'Why me' 'Can't go on like this'
Advantages	 Treatment was beneficial but people would have liked more understanding of the outcomes and impact on QoL Positive impact on QoL but it was less than people hoped
Side effects	Dry mouth, fatigue
Subgroups	 Younger people might benefit more as they might tolerate the treatment better
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CDF review TA490 – Key considerations

Issue	Committee preferred in TA490	Company base case in current CDF review	Technical team judgement ICER impact		
Comparator	Docetaxel	Docetaxel	~	Docetaxel	
Data source	ITT populationDocetaxel subgroup	ITT population		ITT populationDocetaxel subgroup	
OS extrapolation Issue 2	Nivolumab and IC: piecewise with lognormal (20, 36 and 48-week cut-off points)	Nivolumab and IC: piecewise with lognormal (96-week cut-off point)	 ✓ □ 	 Nivolumab and IC: piecewise with log-normal (96-week cut-off point) Clinical expert validation needed 	
PFS extrapolation	Nivolumab and IC: g	eneralised gamma	✓		
TTD Issue 3	Nivolumab and IC: generalised gamma	Nivolumab: 2-spline normal IC:	 ✓ □ 	 Nivolumab: 2-spline normal IC: Scenario analyses 	



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CDF review TA490 – Key considerations

	Committee preferred in TA490	Company base case in current CDF review	Technical team judgement ICER impact
2-year stopping rule Issue 4	Considered inappropriate Accepted only as part of CDF	2-year stopping rule	 No stopping rule preferred
Duration of continued treatment effect Issue 4	3 years after treatment is stopped (total of 5 years)	Lifetime	 3 years after treatment is stopped (if stopping rule were applied)
Utility values Issues 5	Both treatment- dependent and independent utility values considered	Only treatment- dependent utility values included Time-to-death utility decrements applied	 Both treatment-dependent and independent utility values considered
Dose	Weight-based	Fixed dose in line with SmPC	
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CDF review TA490 – Key clinical evidence

CheckMate 141 has 37 months of additional data

	TA490		CDF review				
	CheckM	late 141	CheckM	SACT			
Outoomo	Septemb	oer 2016	Octobe	r 2019	October 2019		
Outcome	Nivolumab	IC (ITT)	Nivolumab	IC (ITT)	Nivolumab		
	(ITT) (n=240)	(n=121)	(ITT) (n=240)	(n=121)	(n=506)		
Deaths, n (%)			218 (90.8)	118 (97.5)	335/506 (66.2)		
Median OS,			7.72	5.06	6.5		
months (95% CI)			(5.68, 8.74)	(4.04, 6.24)	(5.6, 7.6)		
HR	0.70 (97.73%	CI: 0.51, 0.96)	0.69 (95% Cl	: 0.55, 0.86)	NA		
Survival rate, % (95% CI)						
12 month			33.4	19.4	34		
12-11101111			(27.5, 39.5)	(12.9, 26.9)	(29, 38)		
19 month			22.1	8.4	ΝΙΔ		
10-111011111			(17.0, 27.6)	(4.3, 14.3)	INA		
21 month			16.8	5.9	ΝΙΔ		
24-111011111			(12.3, 21.9)	(2.6, 11.1)	INA		
26 month			10.3	2.5	NIΛ		
30-monun			(6.8, 14.7)	(0.7, 6.6)	INA		
10 month			8.0	1.7	NIΔ		
48-month			(4.9, 12.0)	(0.3, 5.4)	INA		
			(4.9, 12.0)	(0.3, 5.4)			

Source: Table 5 from company submission, table 3.4 from the ERG report; CI: confidence interval; HR: hazard ratio; IC: investigator choice; NA: not available; OS: overall survival

CDF review TA490

Outstanding issues after technical engagement

No issues were resolved during technical engagement

- **Issue 1**: Generalisability
- Issue 2: Extrapolation of overall survival
- **Issue 3:** Time to treatment discontinuation
- **Issue 4:** Stopping rule & treatment effect duration
- **Issue 5:** Utility values
- **Issue 6:** PD-L1 expression subgroups

Issue 1: Generalisability of CheckMate 141 – data source

TA490 Committee conclusion

- Population generalisable; some differences between baseline characteristics of trial population and UK population
- **Comparators** uncertainty whether comparators in trial were generalisable to clinical practice
- Most relevant comparator –
 docetaxel
- Docetaxel subgroup was presented

Population is generalisable but comparators are uncertain

Company update (CDF review TA1585)

- 1-year survival rate in CheckMate 141 and SACT data set were similar
- Median OS 95% confidence interval overlap for CheckMate 141 and SACT data set
- Docetaxel subgroup not presented because trial was not statistically powered for this

Trial results are generalisable; ITT population appropriate data source

ERG (CDF review TA1585)

Docetaxel subgroup results should be presented and used in analysis

Docetaxel subgroup most appropriate data source

CDF review technical engagement responses:

- **Company:** provided trial results for docetaxel subgroup
- ERG: there is little difference in baseline characteristics of ITT population and docetaxel subgroup

What is the most appropriate data source for assessing nivolumab's clinical- and costeffectiveness compared with docetaxel? ITT population or docetaxel subgroup?

Issue 1: Generalisability of CheckMate 141

Docetaxel subgroup – people who would have received docetaxel as investigator choice

	CDF review						
	CheckMate 141 docetaxel subgroup						
Outcome	Octobe	r 2019					
	Nivolumab (n=)	Docetaxel (n=)					
Deaths, n (%)							
Median OS, months (95% CI)							
Survival rate, % (95% CI)							
12-month							
18-month							
24-month							
36-month							
48-month							
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Source: table 2 and table 6 from company response to technical engagement; CI: confidence interval; HR: hazard ratio; OS: overall survival

Comparison of hazard ratios for ITT population and docetaxel subgroup

Population		ΙΤΤ ρορι	Ilation	Docetaxel subgroup		
		Nivolumab	IC	Nivolumab	Docetaxel	
All notionto	n (%)	218/240 (90.8)	118/121 (97.5)			
All patients	HR (95% CI; p-value)	0.69 (0.55, 0.8	36; p<0.001)			

Source: table 9 from company response to technical engagement; CI: confidence interval; HR: hazard ratio; IC: investigator choice; OS: overall survival

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Issue 2: Overall survival extrapolation

TA490 Committee conclusion

- Better OS in the nivolumab arm compared with IC (ITT) at 18month follow up
- Long-term survival uncertain
- Piecewise method using Kaplan-Meier data followed by parametric distribution seemed appropriate; timepoint to extrapolate from and distribution need exploring

Long-term survival was uncertain

Company update (CDF review TA1585)

- Updated CheckMate 141 results
- Used piecewise method Kaplan-Meier data followed by log-normal distribution from 96 weeks
- Presented scenario analyses using log-normal and log-logistic extrapolation

Explored different extrapolation methods

ERG and Technical team (CDF review TA1585)

- Agree with company approach
- But like to see external validation

External validation needed

CDF review technical engagement responses:

 Company: Acknowledge that fully parametric models may provide plausible alternatives; however state that impact on ICER is minimal

What is the most appropriate method for extrapolating overall survival (OS) data in the ITT population?

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Moderate ICER impact

Issue 2: Overall survival extrapolation

• Overall survival extrapolation for ITT data

Extrapolation model, years	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	25
Nivolumab									
CheckMate 141 (Kaplan-Meier data)	33.4	16.8	10.3	8.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Piecewise, log-normal, 96-week (base-case)	33.4	16.1	10.1	7.3	5.7	2.6	1.5	1.0	0.8
Fully parametric, log-normal	33.6	17.3	10.6	7.2	5.2	1.6	0.7	0.4	0.2
Fully parametric, log-logistic	32.7	16.5	10.5	7.4	5.7	2.4	1.4	1.0	0.7
Investigator's choice (IC)									
CheckMate 141 (Kaplan-Meier data)	19.4	5.9	2.5	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Piecewise, log-normal, 96-week (base-case)	19.4	5.6	2.3	1.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fully parametric, log-normal	18.9	5.5	2.2	1.0	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fully parametric, log-logistic	17.6	5.7	2.8	1.7	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1

Source: Company's model ("OS" tab); table 4 company's response to technical engagement

Issue 3: Time to treatment discontinuation

TA490 Committee conclusion	Company update (CDF review TA1585)			
 No parametric distributions fitted the progression-free survival and TTD data well Generalised gamma distribution was preferred 	 Updated CheckMate 141 results Used 2-spline normal distribution for nivolumab arm as better statistical and visual fit to data Used for IC arm Explored SACT data for nivolumab arm 			
Generalised gamma preferred	Different distributions for the 2 arms			
ERG (CDF review TA1585)	Technical team (CDF review TA1585)			
 Preferred generalised gamma for both arms SACT provides real world data 	 Agree with company to use different approaches for the 2 arms SACT shows uncertainty of TTD 			
Same approach as in TA490	Different distributions for the 2 arms			

CDF review technical engagement responses:

• **Company**: justified using different approaches for the 2 arms

What is the most appropriate method for extrapolating time on treatment with (a) nivolumab and (b) comparator (docetaxel)?

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Issue 3: Time to treatment discontinuation

• Time to treatment discontinuation extrapolation for ITT data

Extrapolation	3	6	12	18	24	36	5	10	20
model	months	months	months	months	months	months	years	years	years
Nivolumab									
CheckMate 141									
(Kaplan-Meier									
data)									
SACT (Kaplan-	Not	28	17	Not	n/a	n/a	n/2	n/2	n/2
Meier data)	reported	20	17	reported	11/a	II/a	II/a	II/a	II/a
2-spline normal									
model									
Generalised									
gamma									
Investigator's ch	oice (IC)								
CheckMate 141									
(Kaplan-Meier									
data)									
Generalised									
gamma									

Source: Company's model ("TTD" tab); TTD: time to treatment discontinuation.

Issue 4: Stopping rule and duration of treatment effect

TA490 Committee conclusion	Company update (CDF review TA1585)
 No stopping rule; stopping rule not applied in trial 2-year stopping rule was accepted in the context of the CDF OS benefit for up to 3 years after stopping treatment (total of 5 years) 	 Maintained 2-year stopping rule; deemed acceptable by clinical expert; was feasible during CDF period OS benefit continuous for more than 5 years Scenarios – no stopping rule, stopping rule but different treatment effect durations, select people with lasting benefit
No stopping rule	2-year stopping rule; long-term treatment effect
ERG (CDF review TA1585)	Technical team (CDF review TA1585)
 No stopping rule Benefit for up to 3 years after stopping treatment with or without stopping rule 	 No stopping rule; notes that stopping rules apply for other indications and similar treatments Benefit for up to 3 years after stopping treatment with stopping rule
No stopping rule; diminished effect	No stopping rule; long-term treatment effect

CDF review technical engagement responses:

 Company: stopping rules are accepted for nivolumab in other indications and pembrolizumab for squamous cell carcinoma of head and neck

Is a 2-year stopping rule for nivolumab appropriate? Is it plausible that nivolumab's treatment benefit continues for a lifetime; with or without stopping rule?

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Issue 5: Utility values

TA490 Committee conclusion	Company update (CDF review TA1585)
 High uncertainty Most appropriate utility values were between treatment-dependent and treatment-independent estimates QoL benefit is not constant 	 Use of treatment-dependent utility values Applied time-to-death disutility decrements in last 3 model cycles Provided scenario analysis without decrements
High uncertainty	Treatment-dependent utility values with decrements

ERG and technical team (CDF review TA1585)

- 2 base cases using treatment-dependent and treatment-independent utility values
- No decrement as it doesn't address uncertainty
- **ERG** noted that there were alternatives proposed in the ERG report for TA490
- Technical team noted that there was no new evidence to support changing TA490's decision

Treatment-dependent and treatment-independent utility values with no decrement

CDF review technical engagement responses:

 Company: Previous NICE appraisals accepted time-to-death utility approach (TA319 – ipilimumab for previously untreated advanced melanoma, TA600 – pembrolizumab for untreated metastatic squamous NSCLC, TA384 – nivolumab for advanced melanoma)

Which approach to utility values is most appropriate?



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Issue 5: Utility values

• Utility values for ITT data

	Treatment-dep	endent	Treatment-independent		
Othity value	Nivolumab	IC	Both treatment arms		
Progressed disease					
3 months to death (3 rd -to-last					
model cycle)					
Decrement		а			
2 months to death (2 nd -to-last					
model cycle)					
Decrement					
1 month to death (last model	_				
cycle)					
Decrement					

^a As the time-to-death utility (57–91 days) was greater than the PD utility, no decrement was applied. Source: Table 15 in company submission; IC: investigator's choice.

Low completion rate after 21 weeks in comparator arm

Large ICER impact

Issue 6: PD-L1 expression subgroups

TA490 Committee conclusion	Company update (CDF review TA1585)
 PD-L1 level might influence outcome; treatment more effective in PD-L1 of 1% and greater 	 Trial not powered for subgroup analysis Nivolumab is effective in both PD-L1 subgroups (PD-L1 <1%, PD-L1 ≥1%)
PD-1L subgroups might be relevant	Nivolumab is effective independent of PD-L1 level

ERG and technical team (CDF review TA1585)

- Significant OS benefit in PD-L1 ≥1% but not PD-L1 <1% subgroup
- However, no significant evidence of a treatment and subgroup interaction for OS (p=0.239)
- Small sample size and wide confidence intervals
- Technical team: uncertainty in evidence

Uncertainty in evidence for subgroup

CDF review technical engagement responses:

 Company: trial not powered to detect difference between treatment arms in PD-L1 subgroups; all-randomised population should be considered

Does clinical- and cost-effectiveness of nivolumab vary by PD-L1 expression status?

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Issue 6: PD-L1 expression subgroups

• Clinical evidence for PD-L1 subgroups of ITT population

	CDF review						
		CheckMate 141 -	- October 2019				
Outoomo	PD-L1	<1%	PD-L1 ≥1%				
Outcome	Nivolumab	lumab IC Nivolur		IC			
	(n=76)	(n=40)	(n=96)	(n=61)			
Deaths (n)	72/76 (94.7)	40/40 (100)	87/96 (90.6)	60/61 (98.4)			
Median OS,	6 51 (1 27 11 72)	5 15 (2 60 0 51)	0 15 (6 67 0 52)	1 60 (2 01 5 70)			
months (95% CI)	0.51(4.57, 11.75)	5.45 (5.00, 6.54)	0.15 (0.07, 9.55)	4.00 (3.01 5.70)			
HR (95% CI)	0.74 (0.50 to 1	.10; p=0.138)	0.54 (0.39 to 0	.76; p<0.001)			
Source: tables 8 and 9 company submission							



Low ICER impact

Additional areas of uncertainty

Issue	Why issue is important	Impact on ICER
Change of dosing schedule	 TA490: dosing was weight based (3 mg/kg every 2 weeks) CDF review: flat dose (240 mg every 2 weeks) in line with updated summary of product characteristics The company assume that this dose will have equivalent clinical effectiveness. 	Using weight-based dosing increases company's ICER by +£576 par QALY gained

Cost effectiveness results (deterministic) – nivolumab versus IC in ITT population

lssue	Assumptions used	ICER (change	vs. base
		case)	
		ITT popula	ation
	Company's base-case	£37,236	
	Corrected docetaxel dose intensity error	£37,254	+£18
	Corrected docetaxel dose intensity error & generalized	No change	
	gamma for PFS nivo & IC arms		
1	Use ITT population data	No change	
2a	OS: Kaplan-Meier for 96 weeks + log-normal	No change	
2b	OS: Fully parametric log-normal curve	£41,178	+£3,942
3a	TTD: 2-point spline normal for nivo;	No change	
3b	TTD: Generalised gamma for nivo and IC	£39,840	+£2,604
4a	No stopping rule	£49,036	+£11,800
4b	With stopping rule & 5-year OS benefit	£45,039	+£7,803
5	Treatment independent (TI) & treatment dependent	TI: £41,557	+£4,321
	(TD) utilities but no time-to-death disutility decrements	TD: £35,357	-£1,879

Cost effectiveness results (deterministic) – nivolumab versus IC in ITT population

lssue	Assumptions used	ICER (change case)	vs. base
		ITT popula	ation
	Company's base-case	£37,236	
	Corrected docetaxel dose intensity error	£37,254	+£18
	Corrected docetaxel dose intensity error & generalized	No change	
	gamma for PFS nivo & IC arms		
1, 2a, 3a,	Technical team preferences combined (no stopping	TI: £54,700	+£17,464
4a, 5	rule)	TD: £46,540	+£9,304
1, 2a, 3a,	Technical team preferences combined (with	TI: £50,748	+£13,512
4b, 5	stopping rule & 5-year OS benefit)	TD: £42,222	+£4,986
1, 2a, 3b,	ERG preferences combined (no stopping rule)	TI: £49,233	-£11,997
4a, 5		TD: £41,888	-£4,652
1, 2a, 3b,	ERG preferences combined (with stopping rule & 5-	TI: £54,513	-£17,277
4b, 5	year OS benefit)	TD: £45,355	-£8,119

Cost effectiveness results (probabilistic) – nivolumab versus IC in ITT population

lssue	Assumptions used	ICER (change vs. base
		case)
		ITT population
1, 2a, 3a,	Technical team preferences combined (no stopping	TI: £53,134
4a, 5	rule)	TD: £45,586
1, 2a, 3a,	Technical team preferences combined (with	TI: £50,321
4b, 5	stopping rule & 5-year OS benefit)	TD: £41,549
1, 2a, 3b,	Technical team preferences combined (no stopping	TI: £49,098
4a, 5	rule)	TD: £41,943
1, 2a, 3b,	Technical team preferences combined (with	TI: £55,773
4b, 5	stopping rule & 5-year OS benefit)	TD: £45,667

Cost effectiveness results (deterministic) – nivolumab versus IC in PD-L1 subgroups

lssue	Assumptions used	ICER (change vs. base case)				
		PD-L1 <1	%	PD-L1 ≥1%		
		subgrou	p	subgr	oup	
	Company's base-case	£46,309		£36,163		
	Corrected docetaxel dose intensity error	£46,339	+£30	£36,174	+£11	
0a	PFS: PD-L1 <1% generalised gamma for	No chang	je	No cha	ange	
	nivo; for IC					
	PD-L1 1≥1% 1 spline hazard for nivo;					
	for IC					
0b	PFS: Generalised gamma for nivo & IC arms	£46,140	-£169	£36,205	+£42	
1	Use all-randomised trial data	No change		No cha	No change	
2a	OS: Kaplan-Meier for 48 weeks + log-normal	No change		No change		
	for nivo, for IC					
2b	OS: Kaplan-Meier for 48 weeks + log-normal	£46,520	+£211	£36,285	+£122	
2c	OS: Fully parametric log-normal curve	£46,863	+£554	£37,000	+£837	
3a	TTD: PD-L <1% for nivo & IC;	No chang	je	No cha	lo change	
	PD-L1 ≥1% 1-spline odds for nivo,					
	for IC					
3b	TTD: PD-L <1% 1-spline normal for nivo & IC;	IC: OS below	/ TTD	£38,694	+£2,531	
	PD-L1 ≥1% generalised gamma for nivo & IC	(£45,140))			
	ICERs are calculated by tech team				25	

Cost effectiveness results (deterministic) – nivolumab versus IC in PD-L1 subgroups

lssue	Assumptions used	ICER (change vs. base case)					
		PD-L1 < subgro	1% up	PD-L1 ≥1% subgroup			
	Company's base-case	£46,309		£36,163			
	Corrected docetaxel dose intensity error	£46,339	+£30	£36,174	+£11		
4a	No stopping rule	£50,278	+£3,969	£46,293	+£10,130		
4b	With stopping rule & 5-year OS benefit	£52,368	+£6,059	£43,064	+£6,901		
5	Treatment independent (TI) & treatment	TI: £54,041	+£7,732	TI: £38,980	+£2,817		
	dependent (TD) utilities but no time-to- death disutility decrements	TD: £43,181	-£3,128 ⁻	TD: £34,718	-£1,445		

Cost effectiveness results (deterministic) – nivolumab versus IC in PD-L1 subgroups

Issue	Assumptions used	ICER (change vs. base case)					
		_PD-L1 <1% s	subgroup	PD-L	_1 ≥1% s	ubgroup	
	Company's base-case	£46,309			£36,163		
	Corrected docetaxel dose intensity error	£46,339			£36,174		
0a, 1,	Technical team preferences combined	TI:£58,634	+£12,325	TI:	£49,885	+£13,722	
2-4a, 5	(no stopping rule)	TD: £46,851	+£542	TD:	£44,430	+£8,267	
0a, 1,	Technical team preferences combined	TI: £61,947	+£15,638	TI:	£46,493	+£10,330	
2&3a, 4b, 5	(with stopping rule & 5-year OS benefit)	TD: £48,319	+£2,010	TD:	£40,958	+£4,795	
0b, 1,	ERG preferences combined (not	TI: £55,078	+£8,769	TI:	£49,214	+£13,051	
2&3b, 4a, 5	stopping rule)	TD: £43,820	-£2,489	TD:	£43,645	+£7,482	
0b, 1,	ERG preferences combined (with	TI: £60,607	+£14,298	TI:	£50,267	+£14,104	
2-4b, 5	stopping rule & 5-year OS benefit)	TD: £47,037	+£728	TD:	£44,058	+£7,895	

End of life

TA490 Committee conclusion

- Life expectancy median OS 5.1 months in IC arm of trial, 8.16 to 9.84 months based on piecewise log normal model (depending on the time point for extrapolation of the trial data)
- Life extension 4.68 to 6.24 months based on piecewise log-normal model

End-of-life criteria met for ITT population

ERG and technical team (CDF review TA1585)

- No change in OS for the ITT population
- Updated data supports previous conclusion for ITT population

	ITT population		T Docetaxel F opulation population s		PD-L1 <1% ITT subgroup		PD-L1 ≥1% ITT subgroup	
	Nivo	IC	Nivo	Doc	Nivo	IC	Nivo	IC
Median OS (months)	7.72	5.06			6.51	5.45	8.15	4.60
Life extension (months) (based on model)	6.8 tc	9.2	6.	7	6.	3	1	2

Uncertain whether life extending criterion is met for docetaxel population

End-of-life criteria met for ITT population and PD-L1 subgroups BUT there is uncertainty for docetaxel subgroup

Is the end of life criterion 'extension of life' met for the relevant population?

Equality

- Patient expert highlighted equality issues for the treatment because of:
 - religious and cultural concerns
 - language barriers
 - age (to understand the diagnoses and treatment caregiver might be important)