

# Isatuximab in combination with bortezomib, lenalidomide, and dexamethasone for untreated multiple myeloma when a stem cell transplant is unsuitable [ID3981]

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**Technology appraisal committee B [02 July 2025]**

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# ACM 1 – draft guidance recommendation

Isatuximab plus bortezomib, lenalidomide and dexamethasone should not be used for untreated multiple myeloma in adults when an autologous stem cell transplant is unsuitable.

- Committee concluded that the cost-effectiveness estimates were uncertain and further justifications for assumptions were needed

# Treatment pathway

Newly diagnosed multiple myeloma who are ineligible for autologous stem cell transplant

1<sup>st</sup> line

TCd  
(TA228)

VCd/VMP  
(TA228)

Rd  
(TA587)

DRd  
(TA917)

IsaVRd  
(ID3981)

2<sup>nd</sup> line

V (TA129), Kd (TA171), DVd (TA573), Rd (TA586), KRd (TA695), SVd (TA974)

3<sup>rd</sup> line

Rd (TA171), PanVd (TA380), IxaRd (TA505), SVd (TA974)

4<sup>th</sup> line

PanVd (TA380), POMd (TA427), IxaRd (TA505), IsaPD\* (TA658), D (TA783), Tec  
(TA1015 \*recommended in the Cancer Drugs Fund)

5<sup>th</sup> line

Sd (TA970)

C, cyclophosphamide; d, dexamethasone; D, daratumumab; Isa, isatuximab; Ixa, ixazomib; K, carfilzomib; M, melphalan; P, prednisone; Pan, Panobinostat; POM, pomalidomide; R, lenalidomide; Sv, Selinexor; T, thalidomide; TA, technology appraisal; Tec, teclistamab; V, bortezomib

# Key issues from 1<sup>st</sup> Committee Meeting and Company's Response 1/2

## Key issues and company response

Key issue ACM1	Committee preference	Company response
IMROZ trial data is immature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial data immature, uncertainty</li> <li>• Trial results suitable for decision making</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">IMROZ</a> trial data informs model</li> </ul>
<a href="#">IMROZ trial comparator and Company ITCs</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dar-Len-Dex is most relevant comparator</li> <li>• Requested updated NMA analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated NMA and MAIC analysis, maintained use of updated MAIC</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Modelling OS and PFS</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Model OS and PFS for IsaVRd and comparators: apply HR from NMA to appropriate reference curve (DRd OS and PFS curve from <a href="#">MAIA</a> trial or DRd SACT data)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied HRs from updated MAIC</li> <li>• Used OS and PFS DRd reference curves from MAIA trial</li> </ul>

Abbreviations : d, dexamethasone; D, daratumumab; HR, hazard ratio; Isa, isatuximab; ITC, indirect treatment comparison; MAIC, matching-adjusted indirect comparison; NMA, network meta-analysis; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; R lenalidomide; SACT, systemic anti-cancer therapy; V bortezomib

# Key issues from 1<sup>st</sup> Committee Meeting and Company's Response 2/2

## Key issues and company response

Key issue ACM1	Committee preference	Company response
<a href="#">Overall survival benefit</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Further evidence to support OS benefit for IsaVRd</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Further evidence provided</li></ul>
<a href="#">TTD and Subsequent treatment costs</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Correct model to include selinexor and teclistamab as subsequent lines treatment</li><li>• Further justification for differences between TTD and PFS</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated model to include subsequent treatments</li><li>• Maintain PFS and TTD modelling assumptions</li></ul>
<a href="#">Utility values</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prefer post-progression utility values from IMROZ, or treatment-independent progressed-disease utility values derived by applying decrement based on <a href="#">Hatswell et al.</a> to IMROZ PFS utility</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applied decrement based on Hatswell et al. to IMROZ PFS utility values</li></ul>

# Key issues for committee discussion at 2<sup>nd</sup> committee meeting

## Key issues outstanding at second committee meeting

	Issue	ICER impact
<b>Clinical-effectiveness</b>	<a href="#">Company ITCs</a>	Unknown
	<a href="#">Overall survival benefit</a>	Large
<b>Cost-effectiveness</b>	<a href="#">Modelling PFS and OS</a>	Large
	<a href="#">TTD and subsequent treatment costs</a>	Small
	<a href="#">Utility values</a>	Small

Abbreviations: ICER, incremental cost-effectiveness ratio; ITC, indirect treatment comparison, OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; TTD, time to treatment discontinuation

# Response to DG consultation (1/4)

## Summary of responses from stakeholders

### Stakeholder comments (Johnson & Johnson, Myeloma UK, UK Myeloma Society)

#### Modelling TTD:

- Modelling TTD: IsaVRd shorter than DRd not consistent with trial
- Median treatment duration of [IMROZ](#) longer (53.2 months) than median treatment duration in [MAIA](#) trial (47.5 months). J&J provided further data that is confidential

#### Inappropriate drug administration costs in company model

- IsaVRd compared to DRd has similar administration costs, not plausible when isatuximab is IV injection and daratumumab is SC injection. Other MM appraisals ([TA917](#), [TA763](#), [TA897](#), [TA1015](#)) used N10AF for SC administration costs

#### Modelling adverse events:

- Counterintuitive: 4th agent added, 11 extra IV administrations for administering **NICE** isatuximab compared to SC daratumumab in 2 years after initiation of treatment

# Response to DG consultation (2/4)

Summary of responses from stakeholders (Johnson & Johnson, Myeloma UK, UK Myeloma Society)

## Differences between TTD and PFS plausible and consistent with evidence:

- PFS benefit driven by bortezomib, shown in [SWOG S0777 trial](#).
- IsaVRD ([IMROZ trial](#)) higher MRD negativity, and for longer duration, (58.1%) compared to DRD (32.1%) ([MAIA](#)). MRD negativity linked with increased PFS and OS.
- MRD negativity associated with mental wellbeing person as cancer undetectable compared to knowing cancer is still there but controlled. Carer QoL not accounted for
- Small number discontinued treatment due to progression, supports PFS benefit
- PFS longer than TTD fits with clinical experience. People stop treatment due to side effects or preference at a time when they are in remission and will continue to remain in this state for a while. Depth of response (complete response or MRD negativity) is greater for quadruplet therapy compared to triplet. IsaVRd expected to have more side



# Response to DG consultation (3/4)

Summary of responses from stakeholders (Johnson & Johnson, Myeloma UK, UK Myeloma Society)

## OS benefit

- Plausible that addition of proteasome inhibitor to an anti-CD38/IMiD backbone (quadruplet versus induction therapy) does provide survival benefit
- Likely to be excess mortality in IMROZ trial, positive COVID results reported for number of people that died during IMROZ. People with myeloma had high mortality from COVID during this period (around 50%), whilst MAIA study was not conducted during COVID, so this issue did not affect DRd

## Longer remission times compared to current SOC improve QoL:

- IMROZ trial 63% still in remission after 5 years, 5 year survival rate of myeloma 55%
- Relapse affects QoL, disrupts lives, adds anxiety for people with MM and carers

# Response to DG consultation (4/4)

Summary of responses from stakeholders (Johnson & Johnson, Myeloma UK, UK Myeloma Society)

## **IsaVRD provides longer first remission:**

- First remission: person has highest QoL, often longest remission time period.
- Subsequent treatment lines: worse outcomes and side effects, less effective, reduced remission time from other lines treatment. Need to account reduced number will receive subsequent treatment on IsaVRD

## **Unmet need:**

- IsaVRD gives similar depth of responses compared to those reached following HDT-SCT for people ineligible for HDT-SCT

## **Benefit receiving quadruplet therapy:**

- Quadruplet therapy most effective, has flexibility to mitigate side effects, more likely to remain on treatment

# Clinical Effectiveness

# Key Issue: Company ITCs

Company did NMA using SWOG S0777 study to inform cost-effectiveness

## Recap

- NMA: used non-randomised subgroup from SWOG 0777 trial (as proxy for transplant ineligible population). Did unanchored MAIC.
- Committee: NMA: ITT population, no intent-to-transplant subgroup proxy transplant ineligible

**Company: updated ITC results, base case uses updated MAIC, scenarios provided**

ITC method	PFS (HR, 95% CI)	OS (HR, 95% CI)	Company Comment
MAIC (base case)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Constant HR MAIC anchored to DRd curves in MAIA trial, key effect modifiers adjusted, Cox PH ratio limited to IMROZ follow-up for IsaVRD and DRd
NMA no intent to transplant	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Includes those who chose not to have transplant and those ineligible. less risk confounding in treatment effect.
NMA ITT	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Differences <u>baseline characteristics of ITT</u> creates bias, transitivity not met

# Key Issue: Company ITCs

EAG recommend using non-time varying MAIC

## EAG comments

- Not suitable to use final MAIA data cut in ITC, data suggests changing OS HR over time, worsening for DRd. OS HR may worsen for IMROZ trial as data collected

## EAG comment on ITC methods

ITC method	EAG comment
MAIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company's original non-time varying MAIC more robust.</li> </ul>
NMA no intent to transplant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No baseline trial characteristics for transplant ineligible. Cannot compare severity of disease of the transplant ineligible between SWOG S0777 and IMROZ trial population. Could have confounding, which cannot be quantified, and direction of resultant bias unknown. EAG do not recommend this analysis</li> </ul>
NMA ITT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWOG S0777 and IMROZ ITT populations different - using data from 2 trials will not produce meaningful estimate of treatment effectiveness of IsaVRd relative to comparators. EAG do not recommend this analysis.</li> </ul>



# Key Issue: Overall survival benefit

Company provided further justification for OS benefit of IsaVRd

## Recap

- MAIC results suggest OS benefit for IsaVRd compared with DRd as HR less than 1 but did not provide statistically significant difference in OS between 1 and 5 years
- Committee: requested further evidence of OS benefit for IsaVRd compared with DRd

## Company


- NMA using no intent to transplant subgroup from SWOG S0777 estimated HR for OS [REDACTED] for IsaDRd compared to DRd.
- Evidence from SWOG S0777, adding in bortezomib to Rd significantly improved OS in:
  - ❖ No intent to transplant subgroup: HR of 0.583 (95% CI 0.371 to 0.917, p=0.0134)
  - ❖ ITT population: HR of 0.709 (95% CI: 0.536 to 0.938, p=0.0114)
- So, would expect survival benefit adding in bortezomib
- Survival benefit driven by responses induced by bortezomib, such as:
  - ❖ improved MRD rates in IsaVRd (58.1% in IMROZ) compared with DRd. 46.7% had MRD negativity for at least 12 months, MRD established surrogate for PFS and OS in MM- sustained MRD rate predictor of long-term survival

# Key Issue: Overall survival benefit

Uncertainty remains whether IsaVRd provides OS benefit

## EAG comments

- NMA for no intent to transplant is not robust to evidence survival gain, potential confounding in analysis
- Adding bortezomib to Rd improving OS, does not mean that adding bortezomib to IsaRd improves OS
- Not known whether MRD negativity test is used in NHS practice. In IMROZ trial, impact on MRD negativity unknown for people continuing IsaVRd

 Has the further evidence provided by company supported an OS benefit of IsaVRd compared to DRd?

# Cost Effectiveness



ICER impact:  
Large

# Key Issue: Modelling OS and PFS

## Background




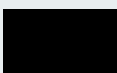
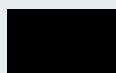
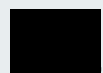
- Company: Time-varying HRs applied to IMROZ ITT OS and PFS
- Committee: Apply HR from NMA to Dar-Len-Dex OS and PFS curve from MAIA trial or DRd SACT data)

## Company

- DRd reference curves from MAIA trial used for anchoring HRs. Aligned DRd extrapolation to TA917. Generalised gamma for OS extrapolation

### IsaVRd OS rates in model

### IsaVRd PFS rates in model

	10 years	15 years	20 years		10 years	15 years	20 years
Original	52.40%	35.40%	17.70%	Original	40.2%	25.2%	12.6%
New base case				New base case			
Clinician estimates %	35% to 55%	15% to 33%	5% to 17%	Clinician estimates %	23% to 33%	2% to 16%	0% to 6%

# Key Issue: Modelling OS and PFS

ICER impact:  
Large

Type here summary of EAG comments

## EAG comments

- Updated company base case long term OS estimates more aligned to clinician estimate
- Decision to anchor MAIA trial DRd or IMROZ trial IsaVRd PFS and OS data, should be based on assessment which trial population is most similar to NHS population



Are the long-term estimates for OS and PFS plausible?

Abbreviations: d, dexamethasone; D, daratumumab; EAG, external assessment group; ICER, incremental cost-effectiveness ratio; Isa, isatuximab; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression free survival; R lenalidomide; V, bortezomib;

# Key Issue: TTD and Subsequent treatment costs

## Background

- Modelled longer PFS for people treated with IsaVRd compared to DRd. TTD for IsaVRd lower than for DRd .
- Committee: Further justification in modelling TTD and PFS

## Company

- Updated [subsequent treatment distributions](#)

Evidence for longer PFS:

- ❖ Longer PFS due to higher rate of MRD negativity
- ❖ MAIC explored MRD negativity, IsaVRd increased odds of achieving MRD negativity

Equivalent TTD for IsaVRd and DRd:

- MAIC TTD HR of [REDACTED]
- Both target CD38, similar tolerability
- IMROZ trial population fitter than MAIA which explains difference in side effect profile
- 72.5% discontinued for other reasons than

**NICE** progression and higher MRD rates support TTD

## MRD negativity MAIC results

Method	Odds Ratio (95% CI)
Unadjusted OR	[REDACTED]
MAIC adjusted OR	[REDACTED]
MAIC adjusted bootstrap median OR	[REDACTED]

CI, confidence interval; d, dexamethasone; D, daratumumab; HR, hazard ratio; ICER, incremental cost-effectiveness ratio; ; Isa, isatuximab; MAIC, matching-adjusted indirect comparison; ; MRD, minimal residual disease; OR, odds ratio; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; TTD, time to treatment discontinuation; R lenalidomide; V, bortezomib;

## Key Issue: TTD & Subsequent treatment costs

### EAG comments

#### Subsequent treatment:

- Not clear why greater proportion of people receive second-line treatment with SVd for people treated with DRd

#### Longer PFS compared to TTD:

- Company provided some potentially plausible reasons to support prolonged PFS
- Concerns remain that prolonged PFS after stopping treatment is not reasonable
- Time to next treatment in IMROZ trial could have been more informative, may have been evidence that prolonged PFS was not due to receiving subsequent therapy prior to progression



Are the assumptions regarding PFS and TTD suitable for decision making?

## Key Issue: Utility values

### Background

- IMROZ trial post-progression utility values not used to inform company model
- Committee: prefer post-progression utility values from IMROZ, or treatment-independent progressed-disease utility values derived by applying decrement based on [Hatswell et al.](#) to IMROZ PFS utility

### Company

- Utility decrement, taken from [Hatswell et al.](#), 0.030 applied to IMROZ PFS utility
- Applied decrement between 1st and 2nd line treatment from Hatswell because: model included 1 PPS health state that aggregated all subsequent treatment lines

### Applied decrement of 0.030 to IMROZ PFS utility values

	IsaVRd	DRd	Rd	VMP	VCd
PFS	■	■	■	■	■
PPS (Hatswell decrement between 1L and 2L)	■	■	■	■	■

**EAG comments:** Company approach reasonable



Is the company approach suitable for decision making?

# Summary of company and EAG base case assumptions

	Company	EAG
<b>OS</b>	MAIC constant HR anchored to DRd curves of MAIA trial, generalised gamma for OS. Scenarios: 68 months IMROZ/100 months DRd, 60 months IMROZ/100 months DRd	Prefers not to use final MAIA data cut Company's original, non-time varying, MAIC more robust
<b>PFS</b>	Constant HR from MAIC anchored to DRd curves of MAIA trial, gamma for PFS	non-time varying MAIC more robust
<b>TTD</b>	MAIC results	Align with company, concerns remain with extended PFS compared to TTD
<b>Subsequent treatments</b>	Includes Sv and Tec, % estimated from clinical expert input	Unclear why difference in proportion people receiving Sv in arms of model
<b>Utility values</b>	Based on Hatswell et al, applied utility decrement to IMROZ PFS utilities	Align with company
<b>Drug costs</b>	Cost code SB12Z SC administration costs	Other MM appraisals use N10AF
<b>Starting age in model</b>	75 years, from <a href="#">Djebbari et al.</a> SACT data unavailable	inappropriate to have starting age in model that differs from the trial age

# Key issues

Issue	Questions for committee
<a href="#">Company ITCs</a>	What is the preferred ITC method?
<a href="#">Modelling OS and PFS</a>	Is the company's updated modelling of PFS and OS appropriate for decision making?
<a href="#">Overall survival benefit</a>	Is there sufficient evidence of a survival benefit for IsaVRd compared with DRd?
<a href="#">TTD &amp; Subsequent treatment costs</a>	Has the company provided plausible evidence for PFS and TTD assumptions in the model?
<a href="#">Utility values</a>	Is the company's approach to modelling utility values appropriate?

## Other modelling issues

Issue	Questions for committee
Treatment administration costs	Which is the preferred cost code for SC administration?
Starting age in the model	What is the preferred starting age in the model?

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Abbreviations: d, dexamethasone; D, daratumumab; ITC, indirect treatment comparison; Isa, isatuximab MAIC, matched-adjusting indirect comparison; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; R, lenalidomide; TTD, time to treatment discontinuation; V, bortezomib;

# Cost-effectiveness results:

- Cost effectiveness results cannot be reported here because of confidential discounts for included technologies
- Company base case ICER is substantially above £30,000 per QALY gained
- EAG base case ICER is substantially above £30,000 per QALY gained
  
- All results are presented in Part 2 slides for committee



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- Background and key issues
- Clinical effectiveness
- Modelling and cost effectiveness
- Other considerations**
- Summary

# Managed access

Criteria for a managed access recommendation

**The committee can make a recommendation with managed access if:**

- the technology cannot be recommended for use because the evidence is too uncertain
- the technology has the **plausible potential** to be cost effective at the **currently agreed price**
- new evidence that could **sufficiently support the case for recommendation** is expected from ongoing or planned clinical trials, or could be collected from people having the technology in clinical practice
- data could feasibly be collected within a reasonable timeframe (up to a **maximum of 5 years**) without **undue burden**.
- Company did not submit a managed access proposal, no managed access feasibility assessment

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# **Supplementary appendix**

# IMROZ and SWOG S0777 ITT baseline characteristics

Characteristic	SWOG 0777 trial (n=74)	IMROZ trial (n=465)	Difference
Median Age	63 years	72 years	+9 years
Frailty	Not reported	Not reported	NA
ISS Stage III	34% (155/460) <sup>***</sup>	26.9% (120/465)	-6.1%
High-risk cytogenetics	33% (out of 316 patients) <sup>**</sup>	16.6% (74/446)	-16.4%
ECOG PS >1	12% (53/441) <sup>***</sup>	11.0% (49/446)	-1%
LDH ≥ 190 U/L	36% (163/454) <sup>***</sup>	12.7% (56/446)	-23.3%
Renal impairment eGFR<60 ml min 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Not reported	28.7% (128/446)	NA
Chromosomal abnormality 1q21+	Not reported	37.0% (165/446)	NA
MM type (IgG)	Not reported	64.6% (286/446)	NA
Transplant Rate*	35% (161/460) <sup>***</sup>	0%	-35%

\*Not pre-identified as a treatment effect modifier creates confounding with treatment effect in trial. \*\* SWOG S0777 first data-cut \*\*\*SWOG S0777 second data-cut

# Key Issue: Company ITC scenarios

Provided scenarios using different follow-up data cuts for IMROZ trial

## Background

- Produced scenarios using parametric MAIC, using either:
  - ❖ 68 months IMROZ follow-up data and 100 months MAIA follow-up data
  - ❖ 60 months IMROZ follow-up data and 100 months MAIA follow-up data
- These scenarios have large impact on ICER

# Subsequent treatment distributions

## Background

- Updated treatment distributions based on input of 2 clinical experts

	Regimen	IsaVRd	DRd
2nd line	Kd	27.5%	27.5%
	Vd	17.5%	17.5%
	VCd	30.0%	25.0%
	SVd	25.0%	30.0%
3rd line	PanVd	20.0%	20.0%
	CTd	65.0%	65.0%
	SVd	15.0%	15.0%
4th line	Pd	27.5%	27.5%
	PanVd	2.5%	2.5%
	Teclistamab	70.0%	70.0%